



May 15, 2024

To: Honorable Town Council
Town of Bristol, Rhode Island

From: Bristol Golf Park
96 Broadcommon Road
Bristol, Rhode Island 02809

RE: Bristol Golf Park Class C License Petition

The Bristol Golf Park at 96 Broadcommon Road is becoming a recreational amenity which the residents of Bristol and neighboring communities are beginning to truly enjoy. The Town of Bristol has made a major investment taking a highly challenged and failing golf property and transforming it into the foundation for a fun and unique golf experience as well as an environmental achievement for which all ought to be very proud. Our team at The Northeast Golf Company has taken this foundation and through significant investment, care and a vision for a new direction for golf has heightened the conditions and the experience at BGP. BGP is now recognized by the local and national press as the new direction of golf and a place for all levels of players including seniors, kids, avid players and especially families to enjoy the game.

It is our plan to continue our investment into the property to make it even better and more unique. We are hopeful to add service offerings to our patrons including food and beverage to further support this commitment and add to the comfort and fun BGP patrons expect.

We certainly understand the uniqueness of our request for a Class C License and respect the Council's measured consideration. The property's set up that we received is quite uncommon as there is no power or water connected to the site. This requires an uncommon approach to operations and to the future success of the property. We are willing to review any and all site specific operational and language stipulations that may be developed to ensure the successful operations at Bristol Golf Park.

Below is a copy of our initial submission to the Honorable Town Council seeking a Class C License in support of the aforementioned objectives:

McNeil Design Collaborative, dba The Northeast Golf Company is writing to petition for the issuance of a Class C Liquor License at Bristol Golf Park, 96 Broadcommon Road, Bristol, RI. A BV license had been approved by the Council in November of 2023. This type of license has been deemed to be no viable given the operations protocol that was initially proposed to the Town (requiring full kitchen and preparation of food items on premise). It is the intent with this petition to replace the BV License with a Class C license which meets the exact needs and planned operations program for Bristol Golf Park as initially presented to the Council. An excerpt describing the Class C license in Rhode Island is outlined below.



2023 Rhode Island General Laws
Title 3 - Alcoholic Beverages
Chapter 3-7 - Retail Licenses
Section 3-7-8. - Class C license.

§ 3-7-8. Class C license.

(a) A retailer's Class C license authorizes the holder of the license to keep for sale and to sell beverages at retail at the place described in the license and to deliver those beverages for consumption on the premises where sold. No beverages shall be sold or served after twelve o'clock (12:00) midnight nor before six o'clock (6:00) a.m., except as provided in subsection (e) herein. Local license boards in the several cities and towns may fix an earlier closing time within their discretion. The license authorizes the holder to keep for sale and sell beverages, including beer in cans, at retail at the place described in the license and to deliver those beverages for consumption on the premises.

(b) The license authorizes the holder to sell pre-packaged foods prepared off the premises with beverages but prohibits the preparation and serving of foods cooked on the premises. The holder of the license may serve with beverages, and without charge, popcorn, crackers, bread, pretzels, sausage of any type, pickles, sardines, smoked herring, lupino beans, and potato chips. No food shall be cooked on the premises but pre-packaged foods prepared and cooked off the premises and purchased by the holder from a supplier may be warmed and sold on the premises in their original packaging, and all foods shall be covered in accordance with the regulations of the state department of health. The annual fee for the license is four hundred dollars (\$400) to eight hundred dollars (\$800), prorated to the year ending December 1 in every calendar year.

Operations Protocol Bristol Golf Park

Bristol Golf Park shall adhere to all Class C licensing requirements through the following operations protocols:

1. All beverages sold will be for consumption on the golf premises.
2. Beverages shall include beer/malt based and wine products (e.g. vigilant whose your caddy, assorted canned wine and malt based seltzer products).
3. Beverage purchases shall be through licensed distribution companies in the local market
4. Beverage sales will be for patrons of Bristol Golf Park only including (daily players, league players and BGP event attendees).
5. All beverages will be stored on premise in our refrigeration units. Inventory items shall be stored at Vigilant Brewery.
6. BGP will offer patrons an assortment of prepackaged snacks and prepackaged foods cooked off premise by approved local suppliers and purchased by BGP. This may include food items in their original packaging to be served as delivered and/or warmed in microwave and served. No food will be prepared on premise. BGP will engage local catering and prepackaged food companies to provide all prepacked food on site.
7. BGP also intends to engage licensed food truck operators to support specific events on the course and work closely with Vigilant Brewery to host larger post event gatherings
8. All services will be meet state guidelines set forth by the RI Department of Health

It is the intent of the Class C License to provide casual beverage and food services to our patrons and to support our league and event play.



Issuance of this license will allow BGP to be competitive in the market given that all competing golf courses serve alcohol and food (of some sort). Seasonal sales of food and beverage will provide BGP a revenue stream which will allow for a successful operation, continued improvements to the playing experience and viability to a Bristol amenity that many locals are coming to truly appreciate and enjoy.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Bristol Golf Park

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Attachments: Service Area Plan- Bristol Golf Park

