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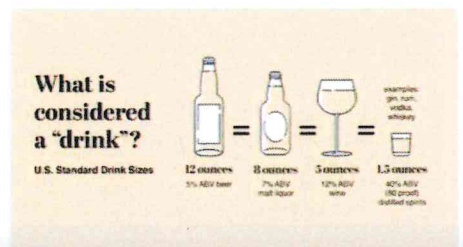
Subject: Tonight's Considerations for BV licenses policy

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Dear Town Administrator, Town Council, and Town Clerk, Respectfully,
Please consider these scientific facts from the CDC while determining the allowance of BV v. limited BV licenses for start-ups. Any drink, whether wine, beer or mixed, is a "drink." See the CDC's equivalents attached.

One standard drink is equivalent to:

- 12 ounces of beer with 5% alcohol.
- 8 ounces of malt liquor with 7% alcohol.
- 5 ounces of wine with 12% alcohol.
- A shot or 1.5 ounces of liquor or distilled spirits (80-proof liquor).
- 80 proof means the liquor has 40% alcohol.
- Brandy, gin, rum, tequila, vodka, and whiskey are examples of types of liquor.



The Town Council has the power and tools to closely monitor new establishments by allowing a probationary license for the first six months instead of denying the full license.

People often comment on the vibrant restaurant scene in Warren and how it is lacking in Bristol. Warren responded to the influx of new residents by granting full liquor licenses to startup restaurants on the day of their openings. Warren signaled that the Town is welcome to business expansion.

Please consider making Bristol ready for the vibrance that many residents want and will need. You worked diligently to allow for the addition of more than 120 new residences in the Historic Downtown area. We will need new restaurant spaces to accommodate those new residents without delay.

The Town Council can staunchly enforce the laws governing establishments who serve alcohol. A few bad actors who continuously abuse the law - by overcrowding, over-serving, serving underaged drinkers, and breaking noise ordinance laws have shown that THEY are the problem. Instead of unfairly anticipating those problems with new establishments, I ask that you strictly enforce the laws on the books for ALL licensed operators to protect Bristol as you wish, and allow new restaurants to operate fairly with the competition.

Thank You,

Marianne Bergenholtz