



Bristol Historic District Commission

Application for Review of Proposed Work - Printable Application

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Project Address	Assessor's Plat	Assessor's Lot
125 Thames Street	10	41

Applicant	Applicant Phone	Applicant Email
Bristol Lofts LLC	6178212324	

Property Owner (If Different from Applicant)	Owner Mailing Address

Architect/Engineer	A/E Phone Number	A/E Email

Contractor	Contractor Phone Number	Contractor Email

Work Category:	Remodeling of Structure(s)
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Description of proposed work:
Removal of roof on Building 2. Approval of cedar fence for parking lot on Thames Street.

Property History
POKANOKET MILLS 1839 et seq.: This is a large complex of six mill buildings. In 1839 the Pokanoket Steam Mill, a 4-story, 5-bay, end-gableroof, brick cotton factory with freight doors at each level, was built here. Bristol's second cotton factory, it burned in 1856, was rebuilt and expanded by addition of a 4-story, 6-by-3-bay, flank-gable-roof wing on the north side. The Reynolds Manufacturing Company produced sheetings and yarn here in the late 19th century. In 1891 Charles B. Rockwell, founder of the Cranston Worsted Mills established 1886, purchased the property, which had been idle for ten years. Rockwell closed his Cranston plant, moved his machinery to Bristol and began a period of major expansion. The Pokanoket Mill was used for drawing, spinning and twisting, with ancillary buildings for dyeing, drawing, spooling, washing, counting and shipping. By 1911 new units included a 4-story, 9-bay, brick addition with larger segmental-arch windows on the north and a 4-story, 11-bay addition on the south, built between 1911 and 1927. The near-flat roofs permitted more light on the top floors. In 1921 a large, 4-story, 6-bay by 12-bay mill was added on the corner of Thames and Church Streets. This new mill had large windows with handsome granite sills and a stringcourse at the cornice. In 1927 Cranston Mills merged with the Collins & Aikman Corporation, specialists in high-grade automobile upholstery. In 1940 a large, 4-story, flat-roof mill of brick pier-and-spandrel construction was added on the corner of Thames and Constitution Streets. This sequence of construction has created a solid wall of 4-story mills on the west side of Thames Street from Church to Constitution Streets, now in multiple ownership following their sale by Collins & Aikman Corporation in 1955.

Building Survey Data	
RIHPHC ID #:	BRIS00188-92
HISTORIC NAME:	Bristol Yarn Corp.
ARCH. STYLE:	Vernacular, Greek Revival, Modern

ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION DATE (est.):	1839, 1911, 1921-27
ALTERATIONS TO MAJOR ARCH. SINCE 1978 (Height, Massing, Wall Covering, Trim, Windows. Porches)	

Bristol Lofts LLC
Applicant's Name – Printed
Date: April 17, 2025

Tyler Langlois
Applicant's Digital Signature