

# Bellino-Grosso Inc

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Ms. Sarah Hopkins  
City of Portland Planning Department  
Portland City Hall  
389 Congress Street  
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Bellino/Grosso Company  
980 Riverside Street  
Portland, ME 04103

Re: Proposed 2,000 s.f. self storage building for Bellino/Grosso Company.

Dear Ms. Hopkins:

On September 1, 2005 the Bellin/Grosso Company applied for Site Plan Review and Building Plan Review for the above mentioned project. We received a verbal preliminary Building Department approval of the building plans. On October 20, 2005, we received a reply from Ethan Boxer-Macomber, the Site Plan reviewer, with a list of 9 items that needed to be addressed for Site Plan approval. These items, when addressed, would cost the Bellino/Grosso Company many thousands of dollars to implement for a small project with a budget of \$100,000. We do not have the means to pay for addressing all the listed items. Therefore, we are withdrawing our application for Site Plan Review and for Building Plan Review, and will no longer pursue the project.

As a result of our withdrawal, Bellino/Grosso Company will not pursue development of a self storage business. For a city and state that is looking to promote economic growth and development, the requirements of the Site Plan Review seem totally counter-productive to this end. Should we relocate our business to North Carolina or Georgia where we will most likely get a better reception?

Sincerely,



Robert Grosso, President

Cc: City of Portland Mayor Michael Cohen  
Maine Governor John Baldacci