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Permit #CCSP-25-5

Proposed Use: Storage Trailer on property

Applicant/Property Owner: Gary Morris/Morris Family Irrevocable Trust, Jamie Morris, Trustee

Location: 10 Old Amesbury Line Road

Zoning District: RM

Relief Sought: Permit under Zoning Ordinance Section 3.2.4

Meeting Date(s): June 17, 2025

Members Present: Sullivan (President), Jordan (Vice President), Councilors Basiliere, Hobbs-Everett,

LePage, Rogers, Michitson, Lewandowski, Ferreira and Toohey.

Members Absent: McGonagle

Vote: The Council voted 10-0 to deny the permit

Materials submitted:

- Plot plan dated 2/8/24, revised 5/12/25
- Storage Container permit 10/25/25
- Permission to file application from owner, dated 5/12/25
- Photos (3)
- Cover memorandum and submission narrative prepared by the Applicant dated 4/12/25
- City Department reviews: Conservation, Fire Department, Police Department, Health Department, Stormwater, Building Inspector
- Constituent pictures (5)
- Constituent email

REQUEST

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The applicant seeks a permit from the City Council for two (2) permanent storage containers on the above-identified property owned by Gary Morris/Morris Family Irrevocable Trust, Jamie Morris, Trustee. Zoning Ordinance Section 3.2.4.3 permits the presence of two (2) or fewer such containers for not more than six (6) consecutive months as an accessory residential or nonresidential use. Under Zoning Ordinance 3.2.4.3.2, "[t]he use of more than two regulated storage containers, or the use of a regulated storage container for more than six months, shall require the issuance of a permit by the City Council."

FINDINGS

The individual findings of the Councilors are included in the Council's Administrative Record and are also reflected in the minutes. The findings of the Council as whole are stated herein:

- The applicant's plan/photographs were circulated to the various City Departments enumerated above. It was brought to the Council's attention that there is ongoing litigation on account of conditions at the property cited by Inspectional Services.

- The applicant testified that there are already two (2) storage containers on the property that were not permitted; the applicant asserts these existing two (2) storage containers were "grandfathered"; because the issue of the existing containers is outside the scope of the present application, the Council makes no findings with respect to the existing containers and rules only upon the permit which is presently before it.
- A majority of the councilors found that the proposal does not meet the requirements of the local ordinance. The presence of salvage and other materials scattered on the property were also noted by the Council, as verified by photographs which the Applicant admitted constituted a fair and accurate representation of the subject property. The condition of the property has been the subject of numerous neighbor complaints, one of whom attended the Council's meeting to voice her concerns. Therefore, in light of all the foregoing, and in light of observations by multiple Councilors from a public way and general familiarity with the site, the requested permit does not align with the character of the neighborhood and creates a public health hazard.

DECISION

Haverhill City Council

On June 17, 2025, the Haverhill City Council roll call voted 10-0 (1 absent McGonagle) (the Council consists of 11 members) to deny a Permit for storage containers on property as presented. The Councilors who voted in opposition were Sullivan (President), Jordan (Vice President), Basiliere, Hobbs Everett, Michitson, McGonagle, LePage, Lewandowski, Ferreira, Toohey and Rogers. Councilors in favor were none.

Any appeal of this decision of the Board shall be made in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 40A, Section 17, to a court of competent jurisdiction.

Thomas J. Sullivan, President

Date

Failure to comply with the permit conditions, or failure to otherwise remain in compliance with future requirements applicable to this permit are subject to penalties under Section 10.1.8 of the Haverhill Zoning Ordinance.¹ In addition, said failure shall be cause to recall the permit and require a new public hearing which may result in the imposition of additional conditions or the rescission of this permit.

I hereby certify that no appeal has been filed on this Decision within the required 20-day appeal period.

City Clerk

¹ Haverhill Zoning Ordinance Section 10.1.8 provides: "Any owner or person who violates or refuses to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter may, upon conviction, be fined a sum of up to \$300 per day, for each offense. Each day, or portion of a day, that any violation is allowed to continue shall constitute a separate offense.

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APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL PERMIT DOCUMENT 75, CCSP-25-5 FOR APPLICANT Gary Morris 10 Old Amesbury Line Road June 17, 2025

DOC. 75 – SUMMARY MINUTES OF SPECIAL PERMIT IN PERSON AND HYBRID HEARING HELD ON JUNE 17, 2025, FOR PETITION FROM GARY MORRIS APPLICANT – 10 OLD AMESBURY LINE ROAD FOR SPECIAL PERMIT CCSP-25-5 FOR 4 PERMANENT STORAGE CONTAINERS AT HIS HOME

SUBJECT: DOCUMENT 75; CCSP-25-5: Petition from Gary Morris applicant for property located at 10 Old Amesbury Line Road

Present: President Thomas Sullivan, Councilors Timothy Jordan, Colin LePage, Ralph Basiliere, Devan Ferreira, Melissa Lewandowski, Shaun Toohey, Katrina Hobbs Everett and John Michitson

Remote: Councilor Catherine Rogers

Members Absent: Councilor Michael McGonagle

City Clerk Wright: <u>Document 75</u>; <u>CCSP 25-5</u>: Application from Gary Morris requesting to keep four permanent storage containers at his home on 10 Old Amesbury Road

President Sullivan opened the hearing.

Gary Morris, 10 Old Amesbury Road addressed the council. He stated basically it's a couple metal containers for the yard. They were there before and I didn't know I needed a permit. I installed a couple of the tents in the yard or whatever they call them fabric structures and they said you need a permit for them too. Thinking about it after when I went to make the application from, I went to the clerk's office and then we went to the building inspector whatever and at the time they didn't know how to do it because this is an ordinance that just been passed a couple years ago so a year later I went back in there and straighten it out and I was asking for four but then I said no I'll take down the two because they only last about five years anyways and I got rid of a bunch of stuff and consolidated some other things into the two metal containers in the yard. So, basically they're just they're going to outlast anything I can put in that basically for storage of different things.

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President Sullivan stated just to be clear you have two on the site already, but they were not approved prior.

Gary Morris stated yes.

President Sullivan stated so you are asking for two more.

Gary Morris stated no. There was a couple of them on my property that were grandfathered. I put in these two and I wasn't aware of the fact that the city had put an ordinance in. Do you need a permit for them so then this is when the action started happening

President Sullivan asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of this? No one spoke. President Sullivan asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition to this?

Donna Tario, 42 Old Amesbury Line Road addressed the council in opposition. Basically, separated from Mr. Morris' property by the church parking lot. I've had concerns for quite some time but it's not just the storage containers. I know that's what's an issue tonight but there is salvage materials scattered about the property. I don't know if there is a permit for a business for salvage and junked materials for this property and it is just I don't know if it's been evaluated for public safety, fire hazard and the health and well-being of the neighborhood and I'm just feeling as if it's just going to become more involved than what it has been. I don't know if it's been inspected by the permit licenses and inspections department, but I would appreciate it if maybe that could be done prior to any decision about additional containers being placed on the property and after.

President Sullivan stated after you will be able to rebut and speak. He asked if there was anyone else who would like to speak in opposition. Mr. Morris what would you like to say to what Donna said that she is not impressed by the overall look of the property. Someone else is trying to speak in opposition. Michael Tario are you there?

Donna Tario stated yes he wants to speak. I am not at home I don't know why his sound is not working.

President Sullivan stated does Michael live at your address?

Donna Tario stated yes.

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Gary Morris stated there was an issue with the yard. The Building Inspector came by and said I need to get rid of a bunch of bicycles. I cleaned up a bunch of other things. I went to them and I said am I in compliance now? He said yeah you are great and wonderful. Then I went back to Tom Bridgewater and he said everything is fine. He said just go and do the rest of the stuff and get the permits for the containers. Any issues that were happening to be cleaned out of the yard I have already dealt with the building inspector. There is nothing against them. Everything is in compliance the only thing that wasn't was the containers.

President Sullivan stated Donna did you want to say anything in rebuttal to what Mr. Morris has said.

Donna Tario stated no I think it must be a matter of opinion on what a cleaned up property looks like.

President Sullivan stated we will close this hearing.

A motion by Councilor Hobbs Everett, Second by Councilor Basiliere

Councilor Lewandowski stated this is actually my ward and I am very familiar with Old Amesbury Line Road. Sir, I do have a question for you. You have a current complaint in the Haverhill District Court, is that correct for a violation from the inspections department.

Gary Morris stated that is because of the containers.

Councilor Lewandowski stated so the answer is yes, you do have a current complaint in the Haverhill District Court.

Gary Morris stated yes.

Councilor Lewandowski stated that is as a result of the code team and this is information that I received from Richard McDonald yesterday he's not here so I can just relate what he told me is that it's been two years of ongoing issues that they've sent the code team out there on numerous occasions to inspect the property to inspect the storage containers and to issue violation notices is that accurate?

Gary Morris stated yes and it's all been cleaned up.

Councilor Lewandowski stated so you say however there is a pending complaint in the Haverhill court right now for the violations, which the genesis of which is what you say is cleaned up, so it is not resolved.

Gary Morris stated the complaint isn't of the cleaning up of the yard. The complaint in the court was because I didn't have a permit for the containers in the fabric structures that were placed there after the council had a

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law saying that you had to have them. I had other ones in the yard that came under the grandfathering, but there's no complaint for any cleaning up with the yard or anything and it's actually in the Lawrence Housing Court or something is where the complaint is and we went there to comply to that and then they scheduled his hearing and there's another date for compliance of it and Mr. Bridgewater said you know that if the city council approves the containers they'll call the court and cancel the other date on schedule for the chance and everything will be resolved.

Councilor Lewandowski stated the council has received some photos of the property in question and I think that HC Media, Dave, do you have copies of those that our administrative assistant sent to you to be able to put up on screen so people can see them is this your property, sir?

Gary Morris stated yes.

Councilor Lewandowski stated is that an accurate depiction of what it looks like, currently, correct?

Gary Morris stated yes.

Councilor Lewandowski stated even though it's sideways, is that an accurate depiction of what your property looks like with the debris in the front?

Gary Morris stated yes since 1972.

Councilor Lewandowksi stated that's what it looks like today?

Gary Morris stated yes.

Councilor Lewandowski stated sir, is that I've had a lot of complaints from people who live out in that area that it is quite an eyesore. It appears to be more to a salvage yard then something that's kept with just a couple storage containers to put a lawn equipment or so forth that are then contained within said storage containers the fact that you say that you addressed the situation, but you're also indicating that these particular photos are current representations that are accurate as to what it looks like confirms what I've heard from the neighbors that it does appear to be quite unsightly and possibly dangerous. You know we have to consider the character of the neighborhood and whether or not there's any impact and based on what it looks like now and what I'm hearing from the neighbors in terms of what it looks like the hazard that it contains, I know that you're on the end of the street so it's very close proximity to you know the road essentially, so there's no opportunity for the containers to be kind of discreetly moved out of the way. Those are all issues that affect whether or not we grant the special permit for my perspective. I'm going to have to be a no on this based on those until this gets remedy which I understand to spend years according to inspectional services.

Gary Morris stated the yard is a very small yard it's on a fork in the road. The house is down the middle and as far as that's there, you know I have a couple ladders in the yard there because I do some painting. It's been

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an ongoing thing no matter what I do they're going to complain. In fact it said that there was 10 complaints in a couple weeks. I then talk to the building inspector and I said to him how am I right now, he says you're wonderful. You've cleaned up 1000% everything's fine. This is OK well wonderful, and I said you know, then I said should I go to Tom and you know continue with the thing and I went to him and check with whatever and all the building inspectors and everything it's fine

Vice President Jordan stated thank you Mr. President. I'm not going to repeat a lot of what we heard from councilor Lewandowski but I did not realize the Councilor Lewandowski reached out to Richard McDonald. I did I called him today and what he's telling me sounds different than what you're saying that everything is fine. He did say that it's better than it was but he did say it's still not good for his point of view. He also feels like it should go through the process of the court system, and I've said this before I think we had another issue about containers before the council as it stands right now it does have to come to us after six months. We can approve it or not. I personally still think it should. We should let the inspection services do their job that said I'm not going to be voting in favor of letting it go forward I think I'm going to stick with Richard MacDonald said to me and let it go through the court system and see where it goes. I'd like to see you work it out with our inspectional services and tell me something very different than what you're saying.

Gary Morris stated the only thing that is in the court right now is the containers. Everything else has been approved by the building inspector I went in afterwards after I cleaned it up and everything. He said yeah, you look a 1000% better than you were and everything is fine as far as he's concerned.

Vice President Jordan stated I'm not going to say I was not there. I spoke with Richard today and he's not saying the same thing you were saying.

Gary Morris stated who is this?

Vice President Jordan stated Richard MacDonald. He is head of inspectional services.

Gary Morris stated I don't know who he is.

Councilor Ferreira stated can you to make sure I'm understanding correctly your request because on your plot plan it looks like there are four containers on your property. Four metal containers it looks like four 8 x 18 storage containers are on the plot plan that is attached to this permit. Currently, how many metal storage containers are on your property?

Gary Morris stated two, 18x20. Those are the one I am going to get the permit to allow to stay there. That was the problem and then like I say when they come by last year, I said the other two

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fabric structure to put up. I'm in compliance with the new laws of the Haverhill so you have to go for it and then like I say then what I had gone two years ago and I went to do that the process of getting the permits and everything they weren't understanding what was going on between the city clerks office and that and then I had a couple deaths in the family and everything else so I didn't have a chance to get back to this and then they sent me a compliance later or whatever in the spring and you know I had gone down there and clean up the bicycles and send them to a guy that was giving them to children in Africa and things like that like anything I put in the yard they're complaining about it.

Councilor Ferreira stated can you tell me how many of the fabric structures or the carport or a storage tents you have on your property right now

Gary Morris stated there were two that were grandfathered they have been there for 30 years.

Councilor Ferreira stated there's no additional ones

Gary Morris stated no.

Councilor Ferreira stated no Boat storage or vehicle storage.

Gary Morris stated nothing. There is one up by the house and one that is by the picture that has been there for 30 years

Councilor Hobbs Everett stated can we continue this because that information Councilor Lewandowski gave us is not in our notes.

President Sullivan stated no, I don't think we're continuing this because we have all the information we need tonight he's asking for permission for the two storage containers that he has on site. The plot plan wasn't very official to begin with, it was penciled scratch and I think it would be in our best interest not to continue this.

Councilor Hobbs Everett stated the dept comments are not there.

President Sullivan stated Tom Bridgewater inspectional services did weigh in.

Councilor Hobbs Everett stated I didn't see any concerns but I hear concerns.

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President Sullivan stated there are concerns.

Councilor Hobbs Everett stated those weren't in our packets before we got here.

City Clerk Wright: All department comments that were on by Friday afternoon were included. They were included in the packet. The only additional comment was from building inspector Tom Bridgewater this afternoon just confirming what the zoning code says and indicating that he does have two on his property that are grandfathered in, but that was received around 3 o'clock this afternoon so that was not included in the packet.

Councilor Hobbs Everett stated I am talking about the information that Councilor Lewandowski was just giving us that was a dept person, correct?

President Sullivan stated yes.

Councilor Hobbs Everett stated that is brand new information. So, I just wasn't aware of that new communication. That was my only concern.

Councilor Basiliere stated we've learned tonight there's an open court case.

Gary Morris stated the open court case is on the two containers without having a permit for them, nothing else in the case.

Councilor Basiliere stated understood, sir. There is an open court case.

Gary Morris stated they won't close the court case.

Councilor Basiliere stated I need to have the floor here okay, so for the third time is an open court case the vice president council is reporting a conversation with the Dept head. That's very different than yours and buy your own admission here tonight, you said that they have received 10 complaints in a couple of weeks. I'm not voting for this. I'm sorry

Gary Morris stated that was two months ago when the building inspector came by and that's when I cleaned up everything that was in the yard and I said to him when he come back, I said how we doing awesome. Now like now I can go to the council and fill out the papers to get approval of the containers and then I went to Tom Bridgewater he said you're doing great there's no more complaints and the other Building inspector came out a couple times and everything's fine.

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Councilor Basiliere stated I understand what you're saying but awesome is not the words that your neighbors are using when they're contacting us via email awesome is not the words that people are using when they came here tonight and everything is awesome. It certainly not what I've been hearing about the building department, sir we're just hearing a significantly different story from a number of parties. I'm sorry I won't support this.

Councilor Lewandowski stated I just wanted to add to the fact that regarding the court case it might just be regarding as you said sir the existence of the containers but it's also true that there's an active health and property complaint that was lodged against you in April 2025. I can't tell unfortunately from just searching online whether or not that that went to court, but there was a recent complaint and it is like I said an active health and property complaint still open as of mid-April. The last information that is uploaded was that someone was from inspections indicated that you were working on cleaning, but you've indicated tonight when showing the photos of your property that's an accurate depiction. That's where we find ourselves in terms of the conflict between what you are proposing we have for information from I don't

Gary Morris stated I don't know what the issue is in April like I said they come by. I got the notice from the thing and that's when I cleaned the yard up and everything and that's like I said the building inspector would come by and I have also gone down to see him and they said it was fine and then I went to Tom Bridgewater and he said you have to go and get the permits for the containers and that's what I did everything. There was a pending case in the court and they said you know that if they when I go to the council if they allow the containers and there's nothing against the containers on the property that they'll just release the case in the court, the other goes in April there is no case in the court. The only case in the court is the one on having the containers and the other two fabric structures in the yard that I took down, so this is only dealing with those two containers there's no action in the Haverhill Court or any other court on anything in the yard.

Councilor Toohey stated thank you. For me I appreciate you being here tonight for me. This is there are too many inconsistencies tonight. Based on what was said was not said. For me I can't make that decision tonight in favor of this right now however, I would support if my colleagues councilor Hobbs Everett made a very good point, I would entertain or support tabling this so that I can get clarification and clarity from inspectional Services but if I can't get that, my colleagues don't want to take this for you know moving forward I will I can't support it. It's just too many inconsistency, sir for me once if that did happen and you cleaned up the lot and things were sufficient, and that would be terrific, but right now I'm just hearing too many inconsistency.

Gary Morris stated I don't know what else I could do to clean the lot up.

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Councilor Toohey stated You have articulated that. You explaining to me right now, it's not going to help either one of us for me. I would need to have a conversation with the department heads, certainly inspection services in particular so I can make an informed decision and how to proceed, but if my colleague want a table, I would certainly agree.

President Sullivan stated Councilor Hobbs Everett did offer that. I wasn't going to allow it but you are going to second it.

Councilor Hobbs Everett stated if we were to vote no tonight he would not be able to come back.

President Sullivan stated correct.

A motion by Councilor Hobbs Everett to continue, second by Councilor Toohey.

Councilor Basiliere stated how long would we table it for, 30-60 days?

President Sullivan stated probably for a month. If everybody wants to delve into the details. Some of us have already delved into the details. Some are fully informed and some are not. I would say the second meeting in July 22nd. If we were to continue and this motion was to be successful.

President Sullivan stated Madam Clerk please call the roll to continue to July 22nd.

City Clerk Wright: Vice President Jordan-no, Councilor Basiliere-no, Councilor Hobbs Everett-yes, Councilor Michitson-yes, Councilor Ferreira-no, Councilor Lewandowski-no, Councilor Toohey-yes, Councilor LePage-no, Councilor Rogers-yes, President Sullivan-no.

4 YEAS, 6 NAYS, 1 ABSENT (McGonagle)

President Sullivan stated that does not pass.

Councilor Michitson stated actually, I had my light on before and when the motion was made to continue that wasn't debatable so that's why I backed off. So, I don't have anything to say at the moment other than you know I wish that you know we could get Mr. Bridgewater here because one thing I am concerned about are all the other items that you have in your yard. I don't think he would've said that that is awesome

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Gary Morris stated it wasn't him that said it was the inspector that he sent out. I asked how are we doing. He said way over a 100% better. It looks excellent.

Councilor Michitson stated did you have some of those items taking away and then put back?

Gary Morris stated no, I didn't and the only thing in the yard right now is that box truck that I used for some storage but you know which I intend on taking out or whatever but other than that everything that was in the yard is gone. I got a couple ladders in the yard and everything else is registered vehicles and everything else and the issue at hand was he said you got a half a dozen unregistered cars I got rid of anything was not registered. He said you got two tractors over there. I said I'm not allowed tractor on my property. You're not a farmer so I have to get rid of a bobcat and I got rid of a tractor. I get rid of any equipment that went with it like I said no matter what I do the neighbors are going to complain.

Councilor Michitson stated What are you storing in those containers.

Gary Morris stated I had some antiques, tools for I work on my car and everything I got a couple old bicycles in there and you know sometimes if I'm doing a masonry job I'll put some water in it on my power washer and things like that rather than have in the yard and have everybody complain about them.

Councilor Michitson stated have you thought about putting them in a commercial storage.

Gary Morris stated but it cost so much for the amount I do and right now I don't know if you know anybody in any businesses with the economy is so terrible it's like I run ads and the phone is not ringing and the weather's been terrible and everybody I know even the guys at the convenience stores the same as most trouble they've ever seen and everybody's broke and as far as like, I said I had to get rid of thousands of dollars worth of stuff out of my yard just to appease the building inspector and he said you know you're doing great. He says you got rid of the tractor. You got rid of the bobcat. You got rid of the parts to it. You got rid of everything. You got rid of all the bicycles you cleaned up everything was here. Yeah you got rid of everything. In fact, I took a lot of stuff out of the white tent and you got rid of everything that was in there so I could put some other stuff in there or whatever so nobody would complain about everything and then I was really shocked when they said cause I had asked him I said how are we doing? You doing awesome. and all because I wanted to get this out of the court system or whatever and all I'm looking for is a permit for the two containers that are in the yard that you know are there and then if there's another issue with the building inspected down the road that would be something that would be another case right now there's nothing pending in the court with the building inspectors or anything. The only thing

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pending at the situation is the permit for the two containers and like I said there were two fabric shelters in the yard that I took down and got rid of everything consolidated into the containers and everything so basically I was horrified when she said that the building inspector isn't in compliance that was not final knowledge.

Councilor Michitson stated if my neighbor had two of those containers in the yard full-time like this is going to go on right I wouldn't be too happy about it. I would call the inspector and see if it could get moved.

Gary Morris stated if you look around I'm not complaining about anything, but there's people in the neighborhood that have a lot more stuff in the yard than I have, but I'm not one to go fingerprint. You look at this look at this look at this look at this. You know it just happened that you know I did have a couple cars on the front lawn. I had a horse trailer that I bought. I got rid of everything like I say, everything was on there that was being an issue in fact when they gave me the thing from the building inspector. It says yeah you got multiple unregistered vehicles. You're only allowed one. I said well what about the tractors? He said you're not farmer. You can't have the tractor. I had a John Deere tractor I had to get rid of and then I had a bobcat that I had bought I had to get rid of that that I get rid of everything that was in the yard and that's why like I say I was kind of horrified when she said that he says they aren't compliance which you know and then you're showing a picture of my yard and you're showing a picture of my fence and a picture of some trees and you're showing another picture of a shelter that's been there for 30 years and I don't understand what's out of compliance in the picture.

Councilor LePage stated I am not going to debate the issue. I've heard from the neighbors and I have driven by your location a couple times last few weeks. I see the same as the pictures that were submitted to us by a neighbor and pictures that I took myself going by. I have spoken with inspectional services without the details that Councilor Lewandowksi has brought in recommendation I like to see more resolve in saying that we continue on what you've been doing so I'm ready to vote when we have this voted on.

A motion by Councilor Hobbs Everett, Second by Councilor Basiliere

President Sullivan stated Madam Clerk please call the roll.

City Clerk Wright stated we had a motion and a second to approve the permit.

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City Clerk Wright: Vice President Jordan-no, Councilor Basiliere-no, Councilor Hobbs Everett-no, Councilor Michitson-no, Councilor Ferreira-no, Councilor Lewandowski-no, Councilor Toohey-no, Councilor LePage-no, Councilor Rogers-no, President Sullivan-no.

0 YEAS, 10 NAYS, 1 ABSENT (McGonagle)

President Sullivan stated that does not pass.

Gary Morris stated do I need to resubmit paperwork now or go back to the Building Inspector.

President Sullivan stated I would suggest you go back to inspectional services and work with the team to try to see what more you can do to bring your property into compliance with the character of the neighborhood. I am not going to get into but I think a nice fence totally encompassing that entire area would go a long way in resolving your problems. You would have to spend the money on it.

Gary Morris stated right, I don't have the money.

President Sullivan stated that is the only way to hide it. You hide it with a fence or you remove it because it can be seen.

Gary Morris stated there is nothing there except for the two containers and the structures that were already there that a fence would hide.

President Sullivan stated Inspectional Services will work with you further. Thank you for coming.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date: August 4, 2025

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