

City of Auburn, Maine

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To: Auburn Planning Board

From: Katherine Cook, Planning Coordinator

Re: Staff Report on 1145 Center Street Warehouse Extension Request

Date: September 12, 2023

I. **Proposal: Extension:** Business Real Estate, LLC is requesting an extension of the approvals for the warehouse project located at 1145 Center Street, Parcel I.D. 325-048. The project was originally approved on August 9, 2022, and is pursuant to Sec. 60-1308.- Expiration of approval.

II. Suggested Findings:

- 1. Larry Moreau submitted a letter on August 7, 2023, requesting an extension of the project for one year, meeting the requirement that "a single one-year extension may be given upon a showing of good cause in writing by the applicant to the planning board not less than 30 days before the expiration of approval of his existing plan," (Sec. 60-1308).
- 2. The applicant has not been able to move forward with the project approved at the August 9, 2022, Planning Board Meeting Planning Board meeting because the unusually prohibitive materials costs and interest rates. The applicant has the intention of completing the project when the economic conditions improve.



- **III. Planning Board Action:** Staff suggests Planning Board vote in favor of extending the approval for the warehouse project on 1145 Center Street project pursuant to Sec. 60-1308- Expiration of approval.
- **IV. Suggested Motion:** I make a motion to approve a one-year extension, until August 9, 2024, for be granted to Business Real Estate, LLC under Sec. 60-1308. All conditions of the Letter of Approval sent on August 9, 2022, apply.