



City of Auburn, Maine

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To: Auburn Planning Board

From: Katherine Cook, Planner/Review Coordinator

Re: BD Solar Extension/ Special Exception

Date: April 12th, 2022

PROPOSAL #1: EXTENSION/ SPECIAL EXCEPTION: BD Solar Auburn LLC and BD Solar Lewiston Junction LLC is requesting a one-year extension for approval under Sec. 60-1308 for the construction of a solar project of 14.6MW on a 142.74-acre parcel (PID 142-007), Lewiston Junction Road. Timing for the start of the project was delayed from power integration and approval from CMP.

- I. PLANNING BOARD ACTION/STAFF SUGGESTIONS:** Staff suggests that the Planning Board approve the request extension of approval to allow construction of the solar project at PID 142-007, which was approved originally April 2021.

II. SUGGESTED FINDINGS AND REASONS:

1. Sean Thies of Haley Ward Inc. Submitted the extension request in writing March 17, 2022 conforming with the clause, "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. Timing for the start of the project was delayed from power integration and approval from CMP.
3. The proposal can be implemented without detriment to city resources.

Suggested Motion: 1.) I make a motion to approve a one-year extension for approval under Sec. 60-1308 for the construction of a solar project of 14.6MW on a 142.74-acre parcel (PID 142-007), Lewiston Junction Road.