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**RE: ISM Solar Crooked River - Extension Request**

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**Jean Friend** <jfriend@ismgroup.com>

Tue, May 16, 2023 at 9:43 AM

To: Allison Desrochers <codeoffice@townofnaples.org>

Cc: Scott Anderson <sanderson@verrill-law.com>, Greg Lucini <glucini@ismgroup.com>, Kate Matthews <kmatthews@townofnaples.org>, "mattplummer82@yahoo.com" <mattplummer82@yahoo.com>, Erin Plummer <epleydon@gmail.com>

Good morning Allison,

Following up on my email from last week regarding the Site Plan Approval extension request for the solar project on River Road.

Can you please advise when the next available meeting will be and what else you may require from us for the meeting?

Thanks,

Jean Friend

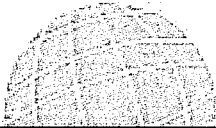
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**From:** Jean Friend  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 8:40 AM  
**To:** Allison Desrochers <codeoffice@townofnaples.org>  
**Cc:** Scott Anderson <sanderson@verrill-law.com>; Greg Lucini <glucini@ismgroup.com>; Kate Matthews <kmatthews@townofnaples.org>; mattplummer82@yahoo.com; Erin Plummer <epleydon@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** RE: ISM Solar Crooked River - Extension Request

Good morning Allison,

Please see attached for the one year extension request from the landowners for the Site Plan Review Approval on Map R-12, Lot 41. Please advise the next available agenda/date and if you need anything else from us at this time.

Thank you,

Jean Friend

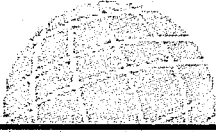
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**From:** Allison Desrochers <codeoffice@townofnaples.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 13, 2023 2:16 PM  
**To:** Jean Friend <jfriend@ismgroup.com>  
**Cc:** Scott Anderson <sanderson@verrill-law.com>; Greg Lucini <glucini@ismgroup.com>; Kate Matthews <kmatthews@townofnaples.org>  
**Subject:** Re: ISM Solar Crooked River - Extension Request

Good Afternoon,

In order to have an extension granted for a solar extension we would need a request from the property owner. If you want to facilitate that we would need a letter describing why you need the extension and possibly I payment ( I have to look into that real quick and I can let you know if or how much that would be) and then we can get you on the agenda.

Respectfully,

**Allison Desrochers | Town of Naples, Maine**

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On Thu, Apr 13, 2023 at 9:10 AM Jean Friend <jfriend@ismgroup.com> wrote:

Good morning Allison,

Following up on our request for extension of the Site Plan Approval for the ISM Solar Crooked River project on River Road. Please advise what you will require for submittal.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Jean Friend

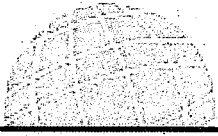
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**From:** Jean Friend  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 6, 2023 10:00 AM  
**To:** Kate Matthews <kmatthews@townofnaples.org>; Allison Desrochers <codeoffice@townofnaples.org>  
**Cc:** Scott Anderson <sanderson@verrill-law.com>; Greg Lucini <glucini@ismgroup.com>  
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Thanks, Kate.

Good morning Allison, please let me know what you require from us for this process to extend the existing Site Plan Review Approval.

Thanks again,

Jean Friend

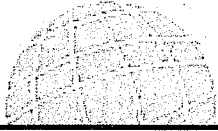
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**From:** Kate Matthews <kmatthews@townofnaples.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 6, 2023 9:58 AM  
**To:** Jean Friend <jfriend@ismgroup.com>  
**Cc:** Scott Anderson <sanderson@verrill-law.com>; Greg Lucini <glucini@ismgroup.com>; Allison Desrochers <codeoffice@townofnaples.org>  
**Subject:** Re: ISM Solar Crooked River - Extension Request

Hi Jean,

The assistant to the Board, Allison, would need to make a formal agenda item and you would need to contact her directly to go through said process. Her number is 207-693-6364 x 105 and email is codeoffice@townofnaples.org

**Kate Matthews | Town of Naples, Maine**

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On Thu, Apr 6, 2023 at 9:14 AM Jean Friend <jfriend@ismgroup.com> wrote:

Good morning Kate,

We appeared last May to request a second extension on the Site Plan Approval for our solar project on River Road. Due to continued CMP delays, long lead times on material, and a lengthy transmission study impacting the entire cluster of substations in the Naples/Raymond area, we will not be able to start construction before the extended permit expiration date. We'd like to request another one-year extension on the Site Plan Review approval to June 2024. Will we need to appear for an in person planning board meeting or is this done administratively? Please advise if you need anything else from us for this process.

Thanks,

Jean Friend

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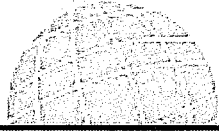
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May 9, 2023

Naples Code Enforcement & Planning Board  
Attn: Kate Matthews & Allison Desrochers  
15 Village Green Lane  
Naples, ME 04055

Re: ISM Solar Crooked River, LLC  
30 River Road  
Map R-12, Lot 41

Dear Kate, Allison, & Members of the Planning Board:

On behalf of Matthew W. Plummer, Erin P. Plummer, & ISM Solar Crooked River, LLC, the following is a request for a third one-year extension of the Planning Board's June 16, 2020, Site Plan Approval for the proposed solar project at 30 River Road (Map R-12, Lot 41). For the following reasons, we respectfully request another extension given several circumstances outside of Matt, Erin, & ISM Solar's control.

The chief reason the project has not started construction is due to the ongoing Central Maine Power cluster studies that are required before a project is able to connect to the regional transmission system. The results of these studies determine if any potential upgrades are needed to the regional transmission system because of the aggregated energy generated by the proposed solar projects in the substation "clusters". Projects that trigger any impacts must pay a share of the upgrade costs required to retrofit the transmission system. Until these results are known, the project cannot commercially operate. In September 2021, CMP gave us guidance that the baseline schedule for the study results and regional ISO-NE I.3.9 Approval was expected in July 2022. In December 2022, the schedule for the results was then pushed to April 2023. Due to continuous delays in previous cluster studies, CMP has just released an updated schedule as of April 2023 that pushes the expected results of the local Raymond cluster study until October 2023. Without knowing the potential upgrade construction timing and financial impacts for possible transmission level upgrades, it is not possible for the project to commence construction.

Additionally, ISM Solar is still in the process of selecting a final solar contractor to engineer and build the project. Due to heavy fluctuations in pricing combined with the site's challenging topographical and geotechnical attributes, this process has not been finalized. The selected contractor will have to engineer the system fully prior to building permit submittal.

Accordingly, we respectfully request that the Board grant a third one-year extension of the June 16, 2020, Site Plan Approval.

Thank you for your consideration of our request and we ask to be placed on the next available agenda, and will be available for questions and can provide you with any additional information.

Sincerely,

*Erin Plummer*

*Matt Plummer*

Matt & Erin Plummer

Map R-12, Lot 41