



**TO:** Auburn Planning Board  
**FROM:** Natalie Thomsen, Planning Coordinator  
**DATE:** February 11, 2025  
**RE:** Postponement of BWC Gulf – Soper Mill Brook Solar Review

**PROJECT STATUS UPDATE:**

The Auburn Solar Project, proposed by Sean Murphy of Flycatcher LLC on behalf of BWC Gulf Island Pond, LLC (a subsidiary of BlueWave Energy), is a 1.41 MW DC ground-mounted solar array planned for approximately 10.12 acres at 224 East Waterman Road, within the Agriculture and Resource Protection Zoning District (Tax Map Lot 393-010). The project is currently being postponed at the recommendation of staff to allow the applicant to provide a more complete application that adequately addresses outstanding conditions. These conditions include financial surety, waste disposal and site stabilization plans, topsoil maintenance, an operations and maintenance plan prioritizing agricultural co-use, and emergency response mechanisms. The applicant has agreed to the postponement following discussions, ensuring that when the application returns for review, it will be more comprehensive and ready for consideration by the Planning Board.

Staff is recommending that the Planning Board postpone its review, and the applicant has agreed to this postponement after discussions. This postponement allows for a more streamlined review process once the application returns to the Board.

**Suggested Motion:** *“I move to accept the staff recommendation to postpone the review of the Site Plan Application for the Auburn Solar Project to a future Planning Board meeting at which the applicant will provide a more complete submission for review.”*