

**City of Augusta, Maine**  
DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Planning Board

**FROM:** Matthew Nazar, Director of Development Services  
Susan Redmond, Assistant Planner

**DATE:** June 4, 2014

**RE:** **Quirion Construction, Inc.; Map 1, Lot 91**

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### SUMMARY OF REQUEST

**Request:** The request is for a Mineral Extraction License as per Section 6-74 of the Mineral Extraction Ordinance.

**Owners:** Quirion Construction, Inc.

**Applicant:** Quirion Construction, Inc.

**Location:** Sanford Road

**Zoning:** Rural River (RR)

**Tax Map Number:** Map 1, Lot 91

**Existing Land Use:** mineral extraction activity

**Acreage:** 14+ acres

### SUMMARY OF SUBMITTAL PACKAGE

The applicant submitted the following items:

- Notice of Intent to Apply for License form (existing operation; expanding operation)
  - Letter of request
  - City of Augusta Mineral extraction license issued July 24, 2012
  - City of Augusta Findings of Fact and Conditions of Approval approved July 24, 2012
  - DEP Permit Number L-647
  - DEP Borrow Pit and Quarry Inspection Report
  - Deed
  - Agreement of Excavate to Property Line (Harold Warren)
  - Agreement of Excavate to Property Line(Greater Augusta Utility District)
  - DEP LD 490 Approval Plan Levesque Gravel Pit
  - Reclamation plan (2 sheets)
  - Active Extraction Area plan
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### **Areas of Concern**

None.

### **Exemptions**

The applicant has requested an exemption from submitting a Performance Guarantee. The applicant is seeking a mineral extraction permit from the Maine DEP.

### **Staff Review**

This pit was relicensed in 2012 (5 year license period). The license was for an active extraction area of 7.4 acres. The applicant proposes to expand the area of active extraction to 13 acres. The approved footprint of operations, which is 13 acres, would remain the same.

The lot is a long, narrow lot. By expanding the active extraction area to match the footprint of operation, this will allow the applicant to postpone reclamation until all of the mining has been done. This is a practical approach, given the shape and narrow width of the lot.