

Edgecomb Ordinance Review Committee  
Minutes, March 2, 2017

1. Call to Order

Chairman Barry Hathorne called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Members present were David Boucher, Sue Carlson, Barry Hathorne, David Nutt and Skip White. Alternate Barb Gibson was absent.

2. Public Input – none

3. Approval of February 2, 2017 minutes

Skip White moved to accept the minutes as written. Vote 4-0-1.

4. Open Workshop – Floating house definition, marijuana

David Nutt had sent to committee members a draft outline of topics to be included in an ordinance such as definition, possible approved locations, sewage disposal, electrical and water connections, fire protection, emergency access and ADA requirements

David Nutt said even if the majority of Edgecomb residents were not in favor of floating structures, if the State permitted them, the ORC would need to formulate rules and regulations making them compatible with the Comprehensive Plan. He added that time was limited if the committee intended to have an ordinance ready for Town Meeting. According to Attorney Jenny Villeneuve, neither the DEP nor Attorney General has replied to requests for information or rulings on floating structures.

Discussion covered:

- > the town's legal basis to regulate floating structures,
- >the number and location of floating structures allowed (salt water only?),
- >capacity of piers to handle multiple structures,
- >number of months allowed, seasonal restriction?,
- >separation distance (30 ft.?),
- >two means of egress and ingress,
- >conflict with Shoreland ordinance regarding structures on piers,
- >provisions for sewage, water, electricity, fire protection (sprinkler?), medical and ADA,
- >restricted to marinas
- >what is benefit to town, (tax as real estate, automobile or personal property?)
- >where is town line in the river?

David Nutt encouraged the committee to prepare an ordinance for the May town meeting. An extension of the planned moratorium would expire before the 2018 town meeting. An ordinance must be ready by the April 13 deadline for a public hearing. Notices in the paper will appear on March 30 and April 6 and the ordinance must be available for inspection by March 30.

5. Other Business – none

6. Adjournment

Skip White moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

