

Edgecomb Ordinance Review Committee
Minutes, March 16, 2017

1. Call to Order

Chairman Barry Hathorne called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. Members present were David Boucher, Sue Carlson, Barry Hathorne, David Nutt and Skip White and alternate Barb Gibson.

2. Public Input – none

3. Approval of Minutes of March 2, 2017

Skip White moved to accept the minutes as written. Vote 5-0-0.

4. Approval of amended Coastal Waters Ordinance

The amended ordinance was discussed as it would apply to floating structures. It was decided to approve it as is, and when and if an ordinance dealing with floating structures were proposed, the Coastal Waters Ordinance would be amended at that time to be consistent with the ordinance dealing with floating structures. David Nutt moved to approve the Coastal Waters Ordinance as written. Vote 5-0-0.

5. Discussion of Floating Structure Regulation

Information had been received from the DEP that the State Shoreland Ordinance contained wording that would prohibit floating structures; however, both the Coast Guard and the Warden Service considered floating structures as vessels, which would be allowed in Edgecomb under the guidelines. Discussion included: the possibility of allowing floating structures only at marinas, limiting the number of structures allowed, whether the Comprehensive Plan included anything which would pertain to floating structures, height limitations, visual impact on Edgecomb, and obstruction of views from the shore. David Nutt said the committee's responsibility included insuring safety of members of the community including proper disposal of sewage, availability of safe water and electricity, and access for fire, medical and law enforcement. Skip White said the proposed regulations or ordinance could be strict without being unreasonable considering the need for safety, privacy, and access by medical personnel. David Boucher suggested that floating structures at commercial marinas be limited to a certain percentage of the approved water lease space. The attorney will be contacted to see if there have been any responses from the Attorney General or other agencies.

6. Other Business

Members were reminded that there will be a public hearing on April 13 on a proposed marijuana moratorium ordinance as well as on the amended Shoreland and Coastal Waters ordinances.

7. Adjournment

Skip White moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.