

EDGECOMB ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE  
MINUTES, MARCH 4, 2021  
VIA ZOOM

Present: Jack French, Barb Gibson, Rebecca Graham, Barry Hathorne, David Nutt, and Skip White

1. Call to Order

Chairman David Nutt called the meeting to order.

2. Election of Chair

David Nutt nominated Rebecca Graham as chair. Vote 4-0-1 vote (Graham abstained).

3. Approval of minutes of December 5, 2019.

The minutes were approved as submitted. Vote 5-0-0.

4. Solar Ordinance discussion

The sample solar ordinance that was distributed contained detailed clauses pertaining to the decommissioning of a solar ordinance. A second sample Solar ordinance from MMA will be sent to members. The importance of insuring that decommissioning will be carried out properly was discussed. David Nutt's private solar installation was discussed as well as advantages of solar energy. Barry Hathorne said the solar installations were tax exempt and would not benefit the town otherwise except for the 15% reduction in electrical bills. David Nutt said the property could still be taxed and he did not see a disadvantage in the solar array. Rebecca Graham said that the ability to buy virgin land for a solar installation is easy, and the threshold is now is 20 acres under which DEP approval is not required. Wildlife impact and deer wintering grounds, have to be considered as well and there was .also legislation to put solar farms on land that was low value. The sample ordinance required that no fertile land used for solar farm. Solar farms have to be put where three-phase power available. The application under review by the Planning Board covers 19.8 acres. The discussion on the solar ordinance will continue.

4. Other Business

5. Adjournment

Skip White moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.