

EDGECOMB ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE
MINUTES, JULY 1, 2021

Present: Jack French, Chair Rebecca Graham, Barry Hathorne, and David Nutt

Absent: Skip White and alternate Barb Gibson

1. Call to Order

Rebecca Graham called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

There was no motion.

3. Solar Ordinance

Rebecca Graham discussed issues surrounding solar installations being developed in farmlands and benefiting from the tax breaks for farmland. Issues with solar farms include shoreland regulations, animal habitat, historic preservation, etc. With regard to the solar ordinance being proposed, any changes made by the state in the future can be incorporated into the Edgcomb ordinance at a later date. The solar ordinance will be the subject of a public hearing at the July 15 Planning Board meeting prior to a vote by the town. David Nutt moved to accept the solar farm ordinance. Vote 4-0-0.

4. Accessory Dwelling Ordinance Change

Rebecca Graham said the new state statute regarding accessory dwelling units would become effective 90 days after it is signed. The statute would require that accessory dwelling units meet the setback requirements of the town as well as conforming to historic, lot size, septic, and shoreland regulations. The statute would require owner occupancy, which would avoid air B&Bs.

5. Other Business

Barry Hathorne briefly described the legal problems with a subdivision or condominium being created without planning board approval. He was advised to contact MMA for legal advice.

6. Adjournment

David Nutt moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.