

EDGECOMB ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE
MINUTES, DECEMBER 2, 2021

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

1. Call to Order

Rebecca Graham called the meeting to order at 5:30.

2. Approval of Minutes

Skip White moved to approve the minutes of 7/15/2021 and 11/4/2021. Vote 5-0-0,

3. Other Business

Code Enforcement Officer George Chase distributed a copy of Section 5, Mooring Locations, of the Coastal Waters Ordinance with deletions and additions dealing with riparian rights. The revision would limit mooring locations to riparian owners and allow riparian owners to act as a proxy for another person with permission from all riparian property abutters to obtain a mooring. It was suggested that committee members look at neighboring towns' ordinances. Chase said no action was requested of the Ordinance Review Committee.

4. Check Comprehensive Plan and Review for Accessory Dwellings

The board discussed the possible areas which might be suitable for accessory dwellings. Current ordinance allows accessory apartments if the footprint of the house is not changed. The Woodland District would not seem to be suitable for accessory dwellings as that district is the strictest district allowing nature-based uses and limited infrastructure. Accessory dwelling sites would be limited by septic capacity. Rebecca Graham suggested not limiting accessory dwellings to one structure. The 30% expansion could be interpreted as allowing expansion for an accessory dwelling. The Back Lot provision could be investigated. Rebecca Graham recommended contacting the selectmen regarding an update of the comprehensive plan, which is several years overdue, and identifying issues.

5. Other Business

The secretary asked permission to amend the Solar Ordinance to make the provisions regarding surety identical. There was a question regarding where adult entertainment should have been allowed. It was mistakenly banned from all districts when the Land Use Ordinance was changed. It will be changed to allow Adult Entertainment in the Commercial Growth District

Any other errors of omissions should be given to the secretary so that changes can be made when next the Land Use Ordinance is brought before the voters.

6. Adjournment

Skip White moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.