

EDGECOMB PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES, JULY 13, 2017

1. Call to Order

Chair Jack French called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members present were Gretchen Burleigh-Johnson, Jack French, Barry Hathorne, and David Nutt. Pat Jeremiah and alternates David Boucher and Barb Gibson were absent.

3. Approval of Minutes of June 15, 2017

Barry Hathorne moved to approve the minutes. Vote 3-0-1.

4. Discussion of post card survey regarding marijuana

The postcard survey will indicate to the Ordinance Review Committee what Edgecomb Residents prefer as far as legalizing marijuana in town is concerned. Five categories will be listed on the card: cultivating, manufacturing, testing, retail sales and social clubs. A letter will accompany the card giving further information on the categories. The expense was discussed, but it was decided a survey would be the best way of determining in what direction the Ordinance Review Committee should go in writing a new ordinance.

5. Discussion of draft Floating Structures Ordinance

The board discussed allowing floating structures only at a marina where a controlled safety situation of fire protection, medical, law enforcement, water and sewer would be concentrated. The number or percentage of floating houses per marina was discussed. Because the DEP does not allow floating structures attached to a dock or pier, Attorney Jennifer Villeneuve has or will be contacting MMA and DEP for further word from these agencies. It appears that the MMA is waiting for the DEP to make a decision and the DEP is waiting for the AG and everyone is waiting for Edgecomb to come up with an ordinance.

There is one former marina in town that has not been used for more than a year.

In response to the argument that all vessels must be registered with the Coast Guard, during research it was found that one town defined a floating structure as not a vessel even though licensed as a vessel by the Coast Guard.

The board amended the draft ordinance as follows: Section 3: second line, delete *on, over or*.

Section 5, Area: add 500 sq. ft.

Section 5, Height: change to 12 feet.

Section 5, Location: third line change *public* to *potable*.

Other decisions made:

A permit for a floating structure, approved by the Planning Board, will be required. The fee, collected with the application, will be \$1 per square foot. The permit is renewable each calendar year for an additional fee. Floating structures must comply with ADA regulations and must have liability insurance. Houseboats or live-aboards will not be restricted by the ordinance. Definitions will be specifically edited for this ordinance. Floating structures are seasonal and will be allowed on marinas only from May 1 to October 15 and must be removed for the winter. Rental of floating structures will be allowed. Only one floating structure will be allowed on a marina.

Members were asked to send comments on the draft ordinance – additions, subtractions or changes – to the secretary.

6. Other Business – none

7. Adjournment

David Nutt moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.