

EDGECOMB PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES, NOVEMBER 5, 2020

1. Call to Order

Chair Barry Hathorne called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members present were Gretchen Burleigh-Johnson, Jack French, Barry Hathorne, and Pat Jeremiah. Rebecca Graham was absent.

3. Election of Officers

Pat Jeremiah nominated Barry Hawthorne for chair. Barry Hathorne nominated Rebecca Graham. Barry Hathorne was elected on a 3-0-1 vote. Barry Hathorne nominated Rebecca Graham for vice chair. Vote 4-0-0.

4. Syncarpha – Preliminary meeting on subdivision for solar panels on Route 1, Map U-2, Lot 13

Cole Peterson of Power Engineers presented Syncarpha's plan for a solar installation on 70 acres fronting on Route 1. Syncarpha, which has similar projects in New England, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, and New Mexico, will own and operate the solar project. Panels will be installed on steel posts and the installation will be surrounded by a seven-foot fence. A 15-foot wide gravel road will access the installation from Route 1. A DEP stormwater permit will be sought from the State. Runoff will not be a problem. Peterson explained that participating in a solar project will save CMP customers 10% on their electric bill. Peterson anticipates that a complete application will be submitted to the board early next year at which time a formal boundary survey will be done and he asked that the 50 foot = 1 inch requirement be waived because of the size of the property.

5. Other Business

Barry Hathorne reported that the ORC will meet in two weeks and will discuss a solar ordinance.

6. Adjournment

Jack French moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.