

EDGECOMB PLANNING BOARD  
MINUTES, AUGUST 19, 2021  
TOWN HALL, 6:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Barry Hathorne called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members present were Gretchen Burleigh-Johnson, Rebecca Graham, Barry Hawthorne, Cory Mullins and alternate Roman Petersen. Jack French and alternate John Dunlap were absent.

3. Approval of Minutes of August 5, 2021

Rebecca Graham moved to approve the minutes of August 5, 2021. Vote 5-0-0.

4. Proposed Solar Energy Systems Ordinance

Rebecca Graham moved to approve the Solar Energy Systems Ordinance draft. The board discussed their concerns with bonding to ensure decommissioning costs were guaranteed, stream crossings, buffers, setbacks, wildlife corridors and deer wintering yards that had been addressed in the draft ordinance. Vote 5-0-0. A copy of the draft ordinance will be sent to the select board for inclusion in the next town warrant.

Decommissioning cost details for the Edgecomb Solar Project had been received as the only remaining item left to complete the application which was approved in the spring. The costs were compared with those from other sources including a sample of costs from a project in Athol, Massachusetts. After discussion, Rebecca Graham moved that Barry Hathorne advise Edgecomb Solar on the preferred numbers based upon the solar decommissioning template from Athol, MA. Vote 5-0-0. Hathorne said he would contact Edgecomb Solar either that night or the next day.

5. Other Business – none

6. Adjournment

Rebecca Graham moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.