

EDGECOMB PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES, JANUARY 20, 2022
VIA ZOOM

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

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

3. Approval of Minutes

Jack French moved to approve the minutes of December 2, 2021 as written. Vote 4-0-0.

4. Marsh/Fink – Building permit for garage/studio in Shoreland – Resource Protection District – 8 Merry Island Road, Map R-6, Lot 21.01

The applicant said the new construction was for a garage and his wife's textile studio. Jack French moved to find the application complete. Vote 4-0-0. There was a question about chemicals from the textiles, and CEO George Chase will require further information when he issues the plumbing and building permits. Gretchen Burleigh-Johnson moved to approve the permit. Vote 4-0-0. The \$100 check for shoreland application will be sent to the town office.

5. Darby Langdon – Building permit for residence in Shoreland – Limited Residential District, 916 Cross Point Road, Map U-14, Lot 003-03

Copies of the application had been emailed to members; a hard copy is available at the town hall. The board had previously approved a road (driveway) on this property. Gretchen Burleigh-Johnson said the proposed residence was well within the parameters and she moved to find the application complete. Vote 4-0-0. Jack French moved to approve the permit. Vote 4-0-0. The \$100 shoreland application fee will be sent to the town office.

6. Other Business

Barry Hathorne said a building permit had been issued to Bucky Hallowell over a year ago for the property next to the Peapod Jewelers. Construction had been delayed because of an eagle's nest in the vicinity of the building site. Evidently, the objection to construction no longer existed and Hathorne recommended turning the matter over to the Code Enforcement Officer for a building permit as long as the original plans had not changed. There was a consensus that the applicant did not have to return to the planning board.

In response to John Dunlap's question on the status of the proposed solar farm, Barry Hathorne said he had received a call from Michael Atkinson of Syncarpha Solar asking for an extension of the one-year limit in which to build following approval. Atkinson said the DEP was overwhelmed with solar decommissioning applications and Syncarpha's application approval had been delayed.

Barry Hathorne said an application for an auto repair shop on the former site of Cahill's will be on the next agenda. George Chase said he had received complaints about a flashing light on the site and the accumulation of junk. Hathorne said those complaints should be taken care of by the owner. The auto repair shop will be renting the building.

7. Adjournment

Gretchen Burleigh-Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.