

Community & Economic Development Advisory Committee Agenda (CEDAC)
Rockland Economic Development Advisory Committee (REDAC)
Rockport, Thomaston

Thursday, August 25, 2011, 5:30 PM
Rockport Town Office
Meeting Notes

Attendees – Please see attached list

Notes

1. Tom Ford of Rockport, Jeff Charland REDAC Chair and CEDAC Chair Peter Gross welcomed the attendees. Peter opened the meeting and each attendee introduced themselves
2. Review and approval of joint letter of support for CC=ED grant application by Mid-coast Magnet - Peter described the Mid-coast Magnet regional grant application and asked if the attendees wished to send a joint letter of support. The attendees discussed what the grant would accomplish and the area it would cover. A motion was made and seconded that the attendees support the grant application. The motion was voted and there were none who voted in opposition.
3. Regional Transportation System– The attendees then extensively discussed the concept of a regional transportation system that would link the towns from Belfast to Thomaston. Don White explained that a Gateway 1 group was still functioning in spite of the cutoff of State funding. The group was seeking federal grants for two projects: a multimodal project in Wiscasset and a waterfront project in Belfast. The consensus of the discussion that a symposium was needed of interested folks from Belfast to Thomaston to better develop understanding of the need and usage of such a transportation system. Later the attendees decided to make this the focus of the next meeting of this group. This meeting will be coordinated by the new Alliance of Development Directors and Chamber (AD²C).
4. Marketing - Peter then asked the attendees if there should be a joint regional marketing effort by this group. Several on-going joint regional marketing efforts were described including the Chamber and others. The consensus of the attendees was that this group did not need to start another effort, but it could continue to give voice to those that were already on-going.
5. Appoint members to attend other committee meetings – After some discussion a consensus emerged that this effort was not needed because AD²C would be an adequate forum for sharing what is happening in the various communities and the members of AD²C sit on the respective committees in their communities.
6. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at about 6:50 PM. The next meeting will be a Transportation Symposium coordinated by AD²C and held in about the November time frame.

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