

Town of Camden
Community & Economic Development Advisory Committee Agenda (CEDAC)

Thursday, July 22, 2010, 5:30 PM
Tucker Room, Camden Opera House

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Peter Gross, Mike Tyler, Martin Cates, Roberta Smith, Don Abbott, Maura Kelly, Ellis Cohn, Kipp Wright, Allen Hinsey, Lowry Sargent, Jim Fullilove, Matthew Eddy, and John Arnold

1. Minutes from 7/12/10 meeting accepted
2. Chair and Vice Chair: Peter and Mike were nominated and Chair and Vice Chair respectively. Peter informed the members that while he was willing to serve as chair, he did not have the time to cover as many ancillary meetings as Martin had done while chair. Peter would need the members to step up and help if the CEDAC were to be successful this year. Mike agreed with Peter's statement.

The Committee members then unanimously voted in favor of Peter and Mike as Chair and Vice Chair.

Peter ask how to handle the minute taking. John agreed to take notes for three months if Jim would be his back up. Jim agreed. If John and Jim are not available, then another attendee will need to take the notes

Peter asked if the meetings could be moved to the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 5:30 PM to accommodate Rick Bates' schedule. The attendees confirmed that would work. Peter will check with Rick to determine if this will help.

3. Main Street Program: Jim is trying to reach some business participants in Rockland to see how this program has really helped them.

Matthew offered the following thoughts regarding the Main Street program and Camden.

- Large time commitment
- Structure is strenuous
- Participation allows opportunity to take three extra credit points for some grant applications. These points may be important for getting the grant, but the grants where this credit is allowed may not be available to Camden.

- This program is helpful in towns that need organizational structure, but Camden already has some pretty good organizational structures in place.
 - Should be reviewed about every year to see if it makes sense
4. Strategic Plan: Matthew Eddy briefed the attendees on his plans to develop the strategic plan and prepare for the new Development Director.

Matthew spoke from a draft, "Camden Work Plan for Strategic Plan Activity" that was provided to the members and will be circulated by Matthew. This plan consists of four phases which should be completed by November, 2010

The first Phase major activity is a public meeting to review the several planning efforts and seek input on implementation of these plans and other ideas. A broad cross section of Camden residents and committees will be solicited to participate in this meeting. After some discussion the Committee decided that this meeting should be held just after Labor day. Matthew requested that each CDAC attendee bring 5-10 names of individuals that should participate in this first meeting. Matthew will work with the Town office to locate a venue for this meeting.

A second meeting should be held about a week after the first meeting. The schedule and agenda for this meeting will be determined by what happens at the first meeting.

5. Other items and Adjourn

Roberta invited the members to attend Ragged Mountain Redevelopment meeting to be held Tuesday, July 27, at 5:30 PM at the Camden Opera House.

Peter will work with the Chair of the Rockland Community Development Committee to set up the next joint meeting.

The RFP for the Gateway 1 funded project is out and assuming all goes well work should start on the inventory about September 1, 2010.

6. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM