

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

Thursday, December 9, 2010, 5:30 PM
Washington St. Conference Room

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Peter Gross, Mathew Eddy, Rick Bates, Don Abbot, Bill Kelly, Dan Bookham, David Lyman, Eileen Wilkinson, Richard Ogle, and John Arnold

1. Presentation by Bill Kelly on confidentiality and executive session: Bill provided the attendees with a presentation executive session for town committees. Bill provided a handout entitled "Meeting with CEDAC 12-9-10."

The executive session presentation covered the following points.

- Usually town committees have no basis in Maine law for going into executive session.
- The CEDAC may have a basis under Real estate or economic development 1 M.R.S.A. section 405(6)(C).
- In making the decision to use executive session the CEDAC should err on the side of public disclosure and executive session should be used rarely.
- Executive Session should be noticed in the agenda that is published prior to the meeting.
- The motion to go into executive session must be scripted in conformance with 1M.R.S.A 401.
- All communications in executive session are confidential and must not be shared.
- Documents shared in executive session must be collected.
- No decisions can be made in executive session, however decisions may be discussed.
- The participants must vote to close executive session.

Other points made by Bill include

- Decisions must be made at disclosed CEDAC meetings.
- Decisions cannot be made by e-mail or deliberated via e-mail.

2. Non-Agenda Items: One member requested an up to date list of committee members and liaisons.
3. Minutes of November 10, 2010 were tabled for a future meeting when more members who attended that meeting would be in attendance.
4. Schedule of upcoming meetings

December 20, 2010: Business Inventory presentation by DCI

Monday, January 10, 2011, 5:30 PM: Public and Selectboard Business Inventory presentation by DCI

Monday, January 24 2011, 5:30 PM: Public presentation of Strategic Plan

Peter is seeking to set up a Camden meeting with the Rockland Economic Development Advisory Committee in Camden

5. Ongoing efforts

The Planning Board needs input on what home occupation ordinance restrictions should be re-considered.

Friends of Ragged Mountain have requested that the planning board develop a wind turbine ordinance to keep them out of Camden.

The Town's initiative to re-develop the old tannery site was carried on Yahoo and some confidential expressions of interest have been received. Mathew plans to cite use options with the CEDAC at some point in the future.

Mathew is planning to meet with new owners of the Knox Mill.

6. Development Director Hiring Process

Peter briefed the attendees that the position is advertised. Applications are due December 17. A screening committee of CEDAC members will screen the resumes and carry out the first round of interviews from which a short list will be developed for second interviews that will be conducted by a different team. The goal is to make a selection by the end of January, 2011.

7. Review Vision Statement

A committee of Town folks developed the following vision statement:
"Enhance and promote Camden's vitality and quality of place by developing year-round jobs in the creative economy."

Attendees extensively discussed the statement and made recommendations that Matt will use to edit the statement and send to the committee members.

8. Discussion of Goals and Ranking and Strategic Plan

Mathew presented the "Goals and Action Steps-scored" document including the input from those who attended the public strategic plan meetings. The attendees discussed the projects. Mathew will take the next step in developing the plan and circulate it to the members.

9. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM