

Town of Camden

Community & Economic Development Advisory Committee (CEDAC) Meeting

Monday, Jan. 24, 2011 5:30 PM

Draft Meeting Summary

The Community & Economic Development Advisory Committee (CEDAC) met under a different format to hear a public presentation by Matthew Eddy of the Strategic Economic Development Plan. There was no formal acceptance of the previous meeting's minutes due to the public nature of the current meeting. The following committee members were in attendance: Peter Gross, Ellis Cohn, Don Abbott, Rick Bates, John Arnold, and Jim Fullilove. Committee liaisons in attendance were Martin Cates, Deb Dodge, Lowrie Sargent, Dan Bookham, Roberta Smith

Peter introduced Matt and then, as an introduction to the Strategic Plan and process, summarized the work undertaken by the committee in developing the Strategic Plan, including the three public meetings that occurred on Sept. 8, Oct. 6 and Nov. 18. He summarized CEDAC's vision, core values and purpose of the action plan.

Mat walked the audience through a computer presentation of the Strategic Plan and responded to questions. One question had to do with inconsistencies among some of the proposed development projects and parameters underlying the Plan. Another was the advisability of building the Plan around development suggestions by only the small group of 12-20 people who attended the public meetings. Matt acknowledged the concerns and stressed that CEDAC and the new Economic Development Director must now analyze and balance the elements one against the other and decide which to pursue and how to accomplish them. He stressed that the Strategic Plan will serve as a guide for development and was not a mandate.

Here's a link to the final version of the Strategic Plan:

<http://www.camdenmaine.gov/economicdevelopment>