

Town of Camden

Community & Economic Development Advisory Committee

Directive

Sec. 1 Establishment

There is hereby created a Community and Economic Development Advisory Committee (CEDAC), comprised of 5 members appointed by the Camden Select Board for 3 year terms, except that of the 7 members first appointed, 2 shall be appointed for one-year terms, 3 for two-year terms, 2 for three-year terms.

The Committee shall be comprised of Camden residents and business owners not limited to Camden residents and to the greatest extent possible shall include broad representation from and knowledge of Camden. It shall include representatives from or having experience with financial, real estate, development, and other pertinent business experiences. Business sectors should vary and include both large and small businesses, downtown business, as well as the cultural/arts community.

In addition to the 5 members above, the following shall serve as ex-officio committee liaisons: the Camden Development Director, a member of the Camden Select Board, a member of the Planning Board's Business Development Subcommittee, the Executive Director or Board designee of the Camden-Rockport-Lincolnville Chamber of Commerce and the Executive Director of the Maine Coast Economic Alliance.

The Committee shall elect one of its members as its chairman and determine its own rules of procedure.

Sec. 2 Duties of Committee

The CEDAC shall have the responsibility: (not in priority order)

1. To identify and recommend to the Select Board strategies, policies and projects that will provide sound economic development and a stronger sense of community, including but not limited to:
 - a. The examination of the short-term and long-term economic and community development needs of the Town and recommend the economic development focus of the community;
 - b. Seek out, ~~and~~ address, and advocate for new economic and community development programs and projects as they arise;
 - c. Map out programs to guide future development within the Town;
 - d. Consider recommendations for designation of contract zones or tax increment financing districts and other tools to enhance economic development activity within the town;
 - e. To discuss and issue opinions on matters of significant importance that are related to community and economic development.
2. Establish a working relationship with neighboring committees in other municipalities as part of common, regional development efforts.

3. To work with Town Staff and other town committees as directed by the Select Board on projects and issues of economic and community development, economic planning and business regulation;
4. To work with the Planning Board on long range economic and community development planning policies, strategies and priorities, particularly as they relate to the Camden Comprehensive Plan, Downtown Plan, and Strategic Plan;
5. To support responsible commercial and residential (including workforce) development through improved infrastructure and incentive programs.
6. To encourage communication between the Town and businesses located in the Town regarding economic and community development issues and to promote a quality customer experience;
7. Make recommendations to assist with new business development and attraction and retention of existing businesses;
8. To assist with the evaluation and location of new, or expansion/retention of existing, businesses that create well paying, year round employment opportunities; *(how about moderate pay but access to benefits? This can be the missing piece to a strong household)*
9. To review, analyze and provide recommendations for the dissemination of information promoting the area as an ideal live, work, play location

Section 3. Development Director

The Development Director is a full time, municipal employee and will be selected, in part, through a recommendation of CEDAC.

The Development Director shall provide staff support to the CEDAC.

Amended by the Camden Select Board September 20, 2011