

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

Monday, January 23, 2012, 5:30 PM  
Washington St. Conference Room

**Meeting Attendees and Notes**

Attendees

- CEDAC and Liaison: Peter Gross (Chair), Brian Hodges, Lowrie Sargent, Kipp Wright, Ellis Cohn, Pete Brown and John Arnold
- Public: Eleanor Masin-Peters

Notes

1. Minutes of 1/9/12 meeting were approved as corrected.
2. Downtown Plan workgroup and public meeting: Brian updated the attendees on the January 26 Downtown Plan meeting. The meeting will be held in the third floor of the Opera House. The website is up and running and Brian asked members to invite attendees. Brian shared an agenda for the meeting and asked if the members would be willing serve as coordinators for the breakout sessions. Several members volunteered. Breakout session coordinators should arrive at the Opera House at 6 PM on January 26.
3. Discuss use of TIF Funds: There are about \$50,000 funds accumulated. Peter and Brian have talked with the Opera House Committee and the Opera House Committee met to develop their going forward strategy. Brian has asked for the Opera House Committee to provide a request for TIF funds. The CEDAC discussed how much of the funds should be spent in light of the Downtown Plan work. One approach would be to spend about \$25,000 in this budget session and save the remainder for after the Downtown Plan is completed. The attendees discussed setting up a revolving loan program. Brian will develop a suggested approach to setting up a revolving loan program to which some contributions can be made each year. Another option mentioned was signage work.
4. Public comment: Eleanor asked about the TIF program. The attendees discussed the TIF program.

Brian shared how Camden was successfully awarded a \$1,000 for the Regional Open Space Guide he is coordinating. The grant is administered by the Pen Bay YMCA and even though a particular emphasis was for Rockland projects, the grant review committee understood the benefit a regional guide would provide not only Rockland but the surrounding region.

5. Adjourn 7:15 PM Next meeting February 13