

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

Monday, February 27, 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, Rick Bates, Martin Cates and John Arnold

Notes

1. Minutes of 2/13/12 meeting were approved.
2. Downtown Master Plan
Brian and others reported that the February 21, 2012 working group meeting was well-attended and productive. As a result of this meeting it was decided that the March 14 community meeting would focus on issues associated with the downtown streetscape. More than 235 surveys have been completed. More than 150 respondents have indicated an interest in attending the March 14 meeting. The Waterfall Event Center may not be able to accommodate all attendees. Brian is looking into this. Brian is considering presenting the Downtown Master Plan to the SelectBoard at its April 17 meeting in an information session.
3. Brian has determined that the TIF proceeds are about \$60,000. After some discussion the CEDAC voted to increase the amount set aside from \$25,000 to \$30,000 for use by the Development Director to commence activities suggested by the results of the current Downtown Master Plan effort that are consistent with the TIF guidelines. This will be considered by the Budget Committee at its March 15 meeting. Brian and Peter will attend to support the recommendation.
4. Dennis Lachman has offered to provide a free information session on planning, funding, financing and rehabilitating public and private historic properties. Dennis prefers that this presentation be given on the afternoon of April 17. The CEDAC voted to schedule this presentation on the afternoon of April 17 at a time and place that Brian and Dennis work out.
5. Knox Mill TIF District. Brian presented the results of his work on the area that a Knox Mill TIF District may cover. The attendees discussed the area and provided suggestions. The attendees also discussed relationship of the proposed Knox Mill TIF District to the Downtown district, a credit enhancement option, and the swap ratio. If the CEDAC decides to move forward with this proposal it would not need to be voted on until the November town meeting.

Brian was asked to provide a concept of what the proposed Knox Mill TIF district might look like at a future meeting.

6. Brian informed the attendees that the next Maine Downtown Conference is scheduled to occur on May 18 in Farmington.
7. Public comment/questions: None
8. Adjourn 7:05 PM Next meeting March 12