

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

Monday, March 12, 2012, 5:30 PM
Washington St. Conference Room

Meeting Attendees and Notes

Attendees

- CEDAC and Liaison: Peter Gross (Chair), Brian Hodges, Lowrie Sargent, Rick Bates, Martin Cates, Steve Wilson and John Arnold
- Public: Dick Householder

Notes

1. Minutes of 2/27/12 meeting were approved.
2. Budget Committee
Peter and Brian will be presenting the proposal to Thursday 3/15 Budget Committee meeting to allocate \$30,000 of TIF funds for Downtown Master plan items meeting the TIF criteria. This money would be used for items needing to be done in the 2013 FY budget.

Dick presented a proposal from the sign committee to use TIF funds for two kiosks to direct visitors to businesses. One would be located at the corner of Mechanic Street and another would be at the Public Landing. The CEDAC discussed the proposal and said that this proposal may be considered by the CEDAC if TIF funds were approved. The Downtown business group would like to see these kiosks installed in July 2012.
3. Parking
Steve informed the attendees that he was working on an agreement to allow parking at the Knox Mill parking lot. This agreement will be presented to the Select Board in the future.
4. Brian presented a State Certified Business Friendly Community Program description. The CEDAC discussed the program and decided that the program was worthy of consideration and that Brian should monitor its progress and consider participating in the future. The June Town meeting may be a good time to have a public hearing on the idea.
5. The Dennis Lachman free information session is scheduled for 3:30 PM on April 17. The Downtown Plan will be presented to the Select Board that evening in an information session. A hearing on the Plan will be held at a later meeting.

6. The Downtown Plan meeting will be Wednesday, March 14. Brian shared some preliminary results of the Downtown Plan survey. The survey generated 332 responses, which Brian feels are fairly representative of the Town on the issues.
7. Brian provided a proposal by the Parks and Recreation committee to develop a Camden recreation area guide. The CEDAC discussed the proposal and wondered if the on-going regional guide effort would supplant some of the need for this guide and should this effort await the Shirt Tail point work and Downtown Master Plan results. The CEDAC did not consider the use of TIF funds for this effort or whether the proposal met the TIF guidelines.
8. Brian shared a proposed advertisement for the Town of Camden that he is planning to run in Maine Biz.
9. Public comment/questions: None
10. Adjourn 7:15 PM Next meeting March 26, 2012