

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

Monday, April 9, 2012, 5:30 PM
Washington St. Conference Room

Meeting Attendees and Notes

Attendees

- CEDAC and Liaison: Peter Gross (Chair), Pat Finnigan, Brian Hodges, Lowrie Sargent, Rick Bates, Martin Cates, Pete Brown, Kipp Wright and John Arnold
- Public: Jane Lafleur

Notes

1. Minutes of 3/26/12 meeting were approved.
2. Downtown Walking Assessment
Jane Lafleur, Executive Director, Friends of Mid-Coast Maine, offered to help the CEDAC to fund an downtown master plan implementation presentation by Dan Burden, a nationally recognized leader in making downtowns more walkable and improving the draw of jobs to the downtown. This program would be held on Tuesday, May 22, and would include an analysis of the Downtown Master Plan recommendations in light of Camden's actual streetscape. The other town committees and interested Camden residents would be invited to participate along with interested individuals from other communities. The Town of Camden and Friends of Mid-Coast Maine would share the roughly \$2000 cost including lunch for Camden community and committee members. Residents of other communities would pay about \$5 for their own lunch. The CEDAC voted unanimously to support this effort.
3. Maine Coast Economic Alliance
Brian and Pat provided a presentation on the current status of the Maine Coast Alliance as a result of a March 22 emergency Board meeting resulting from Knox County's decision to cease funding this Alliance. The board decided to eliminate the staff and rely for the time being on the work of the joint town economic development directors committee. The Alliance may continue regional forum for business interests.
4. Maine Downtown Center Annual Conference – May 18 Farmington, Me
Brian briefed the attendees on the importance of participating in this conference to learn more about the efforts to encourage job growth in the town. The cost for participants will be \$65. CEDAC and other who wish to attend should let Brian know by May 9.
5. Redevelopment Workshop by Denis Lachman

Brian asked CEDAC members to get the word out to business and property owners about the April 17 3:30 PM workshop on plan, fund, and finance properties.

6. Downtown Master Plan

Brian and the other attendees briefed the CEDAC on the March 27 working group meeting. Lachman Associates are working to incorporate the feedback that they receive at this meeting and that Brian has received.

The Plan will be presented to the Selectboard and community at the April 17 Selectboard meeting. A public information and question session is scheduled for May 15 Selectboard meeting.

7. The next joint town development committees meeting will be held in Camden. Peter is thinking about topics and timing.

8. Public Comments: None

9. Adjourn 7 PM Next meeting April 23, 2012