



**Community and  
Economic Development  
Advisory Committee  
Minutes of the  
April 24, 2016 meeting  
4:00pm, WCSR**

**PRESENT:** Co-Chair John Arnold, Co-Chair Paul Cavalli, Martin Cates, Steve Matteo, Robin McIntosh, Meg Quijano, Karen Brace

**ABSENT:** Ellis Cohn, Deb Dodge, Tom Peaco, Jamie Weymouth

**GUESTS:** Leamon Scott, Bill Najpauer (MCEDD)

**MEETING PURPOSE:**

*To build and sustain a vital, multi-generational, year round community which will continue to retain and attract citizens and businesses, including young and creative individuals, to live and work in our town and our region.*

**GUEST**

Bill Najpauer from MCEDD presented on an overview of the Midcoast Economic Development District and outlined its current initiatives. MCEDD has helped secure funding for the Brownfield remediation that has occurred at the Tannery site, and is still assisting us on this project. Camden has applied for a CEDS grant through MCEDD this spring (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy program).

**KEY THINGS DISCUSSED:**

Mobilize Midcoast Maine (MCEDD)

- Attracting young people

Housing in Camden

- Rental housing - low to no availability
- Cost of single family homes

Quality of local Education

- Students tuitioning into the district
- Northport no longer part of Belfast district - young families able to buy in Northport and send kids to C-R district

Town-donated land

- Habitat for Humanity house to be built on land donated by the Town

Downtown Economic Vitality Team

- Membership in CEDAC & DEVT - reviewed

**NEXT MEETING:**

Monday, June 6, 2016 - meeting pushed forward to early June due to Memorial Day.