



**Downtown Network Board – meeting minutes
October 21, 2015 – 11:30am**

PRESENT: Co-Chair Deb Dodge, Co-Chair Oscar Verest, Cindy Lampley, Meg Quijano, Code Enforcement Officer Steve Wilson, Don White, Camden Select Board, and Karen Brace, Community Development Director.

ABSENT: Bernice Berger, Paul Cavalli, Dave Jackson, Jill Lang, Robin McIntosh

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:30am.

2. Report from the Downtown Economic Vitality Team

Chairperson Robin McIntosh was absent and there was no report.

3. Vision discussion

The group selected key words that could be used in the Downtown Network Board's vision.

(See the p.2 of the minutes for the list of words.)

4. Communications about the work of DNB

There was a short discussion on taking an inventory of the ways that the DNB can communicate. Don suggested that the Promo Team come up with a plan.

5. Events Overview

Karen spoke about PopTech and progress with planning for Christmas By the Sea.

6. Updates

Karen said that there had been a change in the leadership of the Promo Team. Since Amy Rollins had been hired by the regional chamber, Kim Palermo and Jill Lang were taking over as co-chairs.

7. Invitation from the Ragged Mountain Foundation

George Mueller and Dave Ridley of the Ragged Mountain Foundation updated the group on progress with the redevelopment. He invited members to ride the chairlift for free on October 25th following a pancake breakfast in the lodge.

8. **Public Comments/Questions**

There were no public comments.

Next meeting November 18, 11:30, Washington Street Conference Room.

Adjourn

DNB'S VISIONING WORDS

*favorite words from the group are in **bold**

WHAT IS CAMDEN

A working waterfront village
River/waterfalls and Riverwalk
Natural beauty, "wonders"
Recreation – year-round
Marine influence
Historical buildings/picturesque
Heritage
Natural resources, harbor, mountain
Modern services/technologically
Up-to-date
Innovative
Active waterfront
Charm

Vibrant

Quality of life
Lively events & conferences
Hub – the heart of the midcoast

WHAT DO WE WANT TO CHANGE?

More accepting – to embrace everybody
Welcoming, friendly
Open-minded
Accepting for new businesses
Recognizing contributions people bring
Engaged
participatory
Serving all ages
Opportunities for all
Diverse
No complacent

Cultural center - film, technology, world issues conferences, writers

Creative and Educational Center

A vital downtown with personality
Attractive environment for business

Innovative

Open to change, seeking out & looking for change