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**CAMDEN PLANNING BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**April 16, 2015**

**PRESENT:** Chair Lowrie Sargent; Members Richard Bernhard, Richard Householder; Select Board Liaison Don White; and CEO Steve Wilson

**ABSENT:** Members Jan MacKinnon and John Scholz

The meeting of the Planning Board convened at 5:00 pm. These minutes are a summary of the Board's discussions. A video recording of the full meeting is available from the Town's website at <http://www.camdenmaine.gov/> or at <http://www.townhallstreams.com/locations/camden-me>

**1. PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Mr. Bernhard had attended a meeting with FEMA representatives and the two CEOs for their periodic review of the enforcement and administration of the Flood Plain Ordinance. The permitting of various projects within the flood plain was reviewed for compliance with FEMA's procedures, and Mr. Bernhard was complimentary of the CEOs and their knowledge of the subject matter – as were the FEMA representatives.

**2. MINUTES:**

April 2, 2015: Review of the Minutes was deferred to later in the meeting. At that time it was noted that there was not a quorum of members who were present at the April 2 meeting, and the Minutes were not reviewed.

**4. POSSIBLE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT: Definition: Lodging Category:**

This item was taken out of turn to accommodate members of the Public who were in attendance for this discussion.

Mr. Sargent explained that the Board was interested in trying to find a way to clarify the various components of the lodging categories within the Ordinance definition of Lodging. The intent is to clarify and *not* to change the categories. He also noted that this was the initial Board review of a draft proposal which was not to be considered as a draft amendment. Several B&B owners were present, and they participated with the Board in a 2 ½ hour discussion of the history of lodging definitions in Camden with regard to this draft. Editing changes were made but there were no decisions made regarding a future proposal.

**3. POSSIBLE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT: Article XIV: PRIVATE WAY:**

The CEO explained the confusion created by this Ordinance. The Town Attorney agrees that it is ambiguous and in need of revision. A draft revision of some of the definitions had been prepared for discussion, but due to the late hour that discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

Several members of the public had come to the meeting expecting to hear a discussion on the proposal to redefine various components of the lodging category of definitions. The Chair informed them that the Board was only going to discuss where in the priorities list this item would fall – there would be no substantive discussion this evening.

**5. DISCUSSION:**

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1) CEDAC: Mr. Sargent had informed the Board that he has resigned his position as the Planning Board's liaison to the Community & Economic Development Advisory Committee (CEDAC) effective immediately; a new non-voting representative needs to be appointed. The consensus of the Board was to defer the discussion until all five members are present.

2) May 7 Meeting:

1. Noise Ordinance: The Police Chief will be present to discuss the history of noise complaints in Camden as well as his Department's needs with regard to enforcement.

2. Private Way: Discussion of possible revisions

3) May 21 Meeting:

1. Possible Ordinance Amendment: Harbor Committee

2. Definition of Lodging: Continued discussion of initial proposal

There being no further business before the Board they adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Hollingsworth, Recording Secretary