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CAMDEN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 11, 2013

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PRESENT: Chair Lowrie Sargent; Members: Richard Householder, Jan MacKinnon and Chris MacLean; Don White, Select Board Liaison to the Comprehensive Plan Committee; Jean Freedman-White, Coordinator and Liaison to the Chapter Working Groups; and CEO Steve Wilson
ABSENT: Member Kerry Sabanty

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The Planning Board Chair had announced at the beginning of their meeting this evening meeting that the procedure for the evening will be to convene the Planning Board, adjourn and convene the Comprehensive Plan Committee for a Public Hearing, adjourn that meeting and reconvene the Planning Board Meeting. When that meeting is over the Comp Plan Committee will reconvene to conduct regular business.

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The Chair called the meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Committee to order at 5:10 pm.

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3. PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING CHAPTER 1:

The purpose of this portion of the meeting is to hear public comment on Chapter 1 of the Comp Plan, and Mr. Sargent asked Dave Jackson from the Camden Library Board if he was attending to speak about Chapter 1 of the Comp Plan. Mr. Jackson was not here to speak but to listen. The Chair noted that he anticipated there would be others in attendance this evening who had worked on Chapter 1 and he had planned to thank them for their work. He then thanked Mr. Jackson in advance for work he will be doing to the Comp Plan in the future, and congratulated him on obtaining National Historic Landmark status for the Library Ampitheater.

Mr. Sargent then explained the process of proceeding through the Comp Plan rewrite by assigning chapters, a few at a time, to various committees in Town. Those committees or individuals will come back to the Board with comments which Jean (Freedman-White) will amalgamate into one readable chapter. The Board will then hold public meetings to talk about each chapter. This won't be the final draft, however, since the time frame for completing the plan is a couple of years out various chapters will have to have language changed or added to address changes that occurred in the interim. The official hearing on the final draft of the Plan won't be held until all chapters are complete.

Chapter 1 is the first chapter being brought to the public for comment, and Mr. Sargent asked if anyone, including Committee members had any comments to offer.

Mr. Householder reported that he was still gathering data on schools that will be included in a new section of the Chapter.

Mr. Sargent noted that Mr. MacLean is writing a concluding paragraph, and that will come out in the final version. He asked if anyone who had worked on the Chapter had any comments on the version of the draft being discussed this evening. He added that one of the things the Committee is attempting to do is to make the Plan much more readable than it has been in the past, and to make it flow better. Meg Barclay added that the reason the committee that worked on this Chapter wrote it the

1 way they did was to lay it out as it might inform future planning decisions. Mr. Jackson added
2 information regarding the Camden Theater noting that there is a resurgence of interest in getting that
3 theater up and going again someday. He also reviewed the Library portion and found it accurate and
4 up to date. Mr. Sargent referred to the recent Landmark designation, saying that this is a very
5 important classification, and he asked Mr. Jackson if he would write a sentence or two on the process
6 the Library committee went through to apply for Landmark status.
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8 He asked that anyone having any corrections or additions get them to Ms. Freedman-White,
9 and the Committee will consider them when they get back to this Chapter in a couple of years.
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11 The Public Comment portion of the meeting being closed, the Chair adjourned the
12 Comprehensive Plan Committee at 5:25 pm to re-adjourn at 6:30 to consider the balance of the
13 agenda.
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15 **1. PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

16 No one came forward to speak.
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18 **2. MINUTES:**

19 February 21, 2013:

20 Page 2 Line 21: Mr. Sargent attended the meeting with Susan Howland

21 Page 3 Line 3: Mr. Arnold's first name is John

22 **MOTION by Mr. Sargent seconded by Mr. Householder** to approve the Minutes of the
23 Comprehensive Plan Committee of February 21, 2013 with the correction made.

24 **VOTE: 3-0-1** with Mr. MacLean abstaining due to his absence
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26 April 4, 2013:

27 Page 1 Line 44: The word "spoke" was deleted

28 Page 2 Line 28: The word "alright" was changed to the phrase "all right"

29 Page 3 Line 1: Mr. Householder, not Ms. Freedman-White, will check to see what local historians
30 might have written regarding school. Ms. Freedman-White will check for pictures of the schools at
31 the History Center.

32 **MOTION by Mr. Householder seconded by Ms. MacKinnon** that the Minutes of the
33 Comprehensive Plan Committee of April 4, 2013, be approved with changes.

34 **VOTE: 4-0-0**
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36 **3. CHAPTER 1 PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING – DEBRIEFING:**
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38 Mr. Sargent didn't find the input session beneficial – the one person who did come wasn't
39 prepared to talk. Ms. Freedman-White believes the Committee needs to wait until the additions they
40 have asked for have been incorporated into the Chapter and try again.
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42 **4. CHAPTER WORKING GROUPS:**
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44 Ms. Freedman-provided an update on the Chapter Working Groups:
45 *Historic Resources Chapter:*

1 She is still missing some information, but she has received some new submissions. Wayfarer
2 wanted another month to submit, but she said that was too long – she needs the information now; she
3 did hear from Stuart and Marianne Smith; the Coast Guard is going through channels for approval of
4 their submission and that will take awhile longer.

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6 *Sewer and Water Utilities (7) and Public Facilities (15):*
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8 Copies of the Chapter have been sent out. They haven't been given any deadlines, but she will
9 get back to them in a month to see how they are doing.

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11 Mr. Householder and Mr. Sargent would like to find a way to know whether or not people who
12 worked on the individual chapters are coming to a public session to provide input. The schedule was
13 rearranged and time set aside this evening that was not productive. Perhaps when Ms. Freedman-
14 White sends copies of the revised drafts, she could ask that they let her know whether or not they will
15 attend to offer comments.

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17 **5. REVIEW of CHAPTER 5:**
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19 Mr. Wilson was to have checked with the former State Planning Office (SPO) staff to ask
20 exactly what information is still required in this section and what can be removed; he hasn't been able
21 to find the old staff, but did hear that they are located within the Department of Conservation – maybe.
22 He will try again.

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24 Mr. Householder believes they need to have a meeting with the folks who submitted pages of
25 comments on this Chapter so they can explain their comments. Mr. Sargent agrees, but wants to hear
26 first what Mr. Wilson learns with regard to what needs to be included.

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28 **6. REVIEW of CHAPTER 6:**
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30 The Committee reviewed Mr. Sargent's re-write of the Chapter in which he turned the
31 information from tables and charts to a narrative. Members of the Committee found the changes to be
32 a great improvement, but made some stylistic changes which Mr. Sargent will incorporate into a
33 revised draft.

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35 There being no further business before the Committee, they adjourned at 7:40 pm.
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38 Respectfully submitted,
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41 Jeanne Hollingsworth, Recording Secretary