

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

Wednesday, October 6, 2010, 3:30 PM
Cafeteria, Knox Mill

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Peter Gross, Martin Cates, Rick Bates, Mathew Eddy, Roberta Smith, David Lyman, Scott Benson, Charlie Colgan, Bruce Munger, Ian Colgan, and John Arnold

1. Kickoff and Introduction of DCI Team
Mathew introduced Ian introduced Charlie and Bruce.
2. Deliverables and Schedule
Ian reviewed a document entitled "2 Scope of Services" which outlined the three phases of Transportation/Land Use Planning work that DCI will be performing for Camden. The team has started Phase I data collection. Phase II analysis will begin after the fact finding is completed. The Phase III final report will be presented in December to the CEDAC and Select Board.
3. Local and Regional Economic trends
Charlie presented preliminary Camden employment information. He spoke from a handout entitled "Camden Economic Profile". The information presented is a subset of data that Charlie developed for DOT in late 2008. He plans to update this information in the next month with more recent data.

Preliminary findings indicate that Camden has a larger than expected professional and business sector dominated by computer programming. The education and health services sector is dominated by the school system and nursing homes.

While Camden does exhibit some seasonal employment, it is not as great as expected.

Predicted employment growth in the Mid-Coast region is dropping because of the closure of the Brunswick Naval Air Station and the recession. Charlie will be revisiting these predictions because a company is moving into the Brunswick Naval Air Station and the recession in Maine was not as bad as predicted. Even with this expected improvement Camden may experience little growth in jobs going forward unless efforts are made to encourage job development.

4. Transportation Issues

Bruce provided a handout entitled "Transportation Context – Camden, Maine" for the attendees review. Bruce then asked the attendees what other transportation issues besides Route 1 traffic and parking did the attendees wish addressed. The attendees extensively discussed the Camden transportation issues and other development issues.

The following action items were generated:

Consider the Wells/Ogunquit trolley or Acadia transportation system as a means to transport primarily tourist around.

Survey 2011 overnight visitors. Charlie offered his college class to develop the survey for Camden.

DCI will perform a parking inventory and review prior parking studies.

DCI will consider a garage as one parking solution.

5. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM

6. Next Meeting: 5:30 PM , Thursday, October 14