

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

Monday, January 9, 2012, 5:30 PM
Washington St. Conference Room

Meeting Attendees and Notes

Attendees

- CEDAC and Liaison: Peter Gross (Chair), Brian Hodges, Lowrie Sargent, Martin Cates, Ellis Cohn, Pete Brown and John Arnold
- Public: None

Notes

1. Minutes of 12/12/11 meeting were approved as corrected.
2. Discussion Camden Affordable Housing Committee (CAHC) and Traffic and Transportation Committee (PTTC) The CEDAC discussed the letter to be sent to the Select Board. The following key elements should be included. The mission of both committees needs to be broadened to include more long-term planning in relation to regional economic development. Both committees are needed to fulfill this mission. Both committees should be under the Town Economic Development Director. Both should be charged with working with their regional counterparts.
3. Downtown Plan work group and Public Meeting – The next meeting of the Downtown Plan working group will be Wednesday, January 11 at 2:30PM in the Tucker Room of the Opera House. At this meeting the consultants will present a status of their work and preparations for the January 26 public meeting will be discussed.

The CEDAC discussed ways to make the public meeting more effective. Brian is planning to get information out about the public meeting via the news media and website. A suggestion was made that the town develop a list of interested citizen e-mail addresses so Town information can be provided to those interested. Also the Community Network Analysis was reviewed and members picked thought leaders in town whom they would inform about the January 26 meeting.

4. Potential use of real estate firms to market Tannery Property. Brian asked for the CEDAC's guidance on use of real estate firms to market the Tannery property. The CEDAC extensively discussed how this might be done. The CEDAC suggested that Brian approach a few local agencies and determine one or two who might be able to serve a listing brokers who would provide co-broker opportunities. These agencies would then provide Brian with a proposal that he

would consider and use as the basis for his choice. Brian should determine a fixed price for the broker should the property be sold for little or no money in accordance with the Guidelines. CEDAC member can help develop a list of questions that Brian could use with the brokers that he talks.

5. The Opera House committee is meeting to consider items that may be addressed with TIF funds.
6. Public comment/questions; None
7. Adjourn 7:15 PM Next meeting January 23