

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

Monday, April 23, 2012, 5:30 PM
Washington St. Conference Room

Meeting Attendees and Notes

Attendees

- CEDAC and Liaison: Peter Gross (Chair), Brian Hodges, Lowrie Sargent, Rick Bates, Martin Cates, Pete Brown, and John Arnold

Notes

1. Minutes of 4/9/12 meeting were approved.
2. Re-development Workshop Follow-up
About 15-20 persons attended from as far away as Vinalhaven. A lot of useful and interesting information was share about historic tax credit programs and how they can be used in developing historic districts and structures.
3. Maine DOT Quality Community Program grant
Camden already has a grant for the sidewalk extension to Shirttail Point. This is under the Transportation Enhancement (TE) program which requires a 20% Town match. Letters of intent for this years round of grants are due to DOT by May 11. Brian proposed including a couple of phases from Downtown Master Plan Phasing Strategy in a letter of intent that he would present to the Select Board on May 1. The CEDAC voted that Brian proceed with the letter of intent along the lines outlined at this meeting.
4. Downtown Master Plan
A public discussion on the Downtown Master Plan will occur at the May 15 Select Board meeting starting at 6 PM.
5. Combining CEDAC and Workgroup Meetings
Peter proposed reducing the number of CEDAC meetings to one per month and having a second meeting with the Downtown Master Plan workgroup. The CEDAC supported the idea and Peter will work with Brian to schedule a meeting with the Workgroup before the May 15 Select Board meeting. If that meeting is set up the May 14 meeting will not be held.
6. Maine Downtown Center Annual Conference – May 18 Farmington, Me
Martin, Peter, Rick and Brian are planning on attending this conference.
7. Certified Business Friendly Community

Nineteen municipalities applied in the first round of applications. The next round is due on July 6. Brian is monitoring this program to better understand its benefits

8. Combined CEDAC/REDAC meeting
Peter is seeking to set up such a meeting in May. He will keep the CEDAC apprised.
9. Comprehensive Plan Revision Effort Lowrie asked the attendees to be thinking about participants in the Camden Comprehensive Plan revision effort. The coordinating committee will work for about two years. The plan section committees will have shorter assignments.
10. Peter asked the attendees to be thinking about nominees to CEDAC for the new term starting in July. There will be alternate vacancies.
11. Public Comments: None
12. Adjourn 6:50PM Next meeting May 14, 2012?