## **Citizens of Camden** for Responsible Zoning



"Zoning is meant to provide certainty, protect property values, and prohibit inconsistent or non-conforming uses in an established district. To undermine the basic protection provided by zoning would be hugely unfortunate and establish a dangerous precedent." Franklin M. Walker, Jr., Camden Resident

## A Look Back at Camden's Zoning History:

- For more than 100 years, scenic and narrow Bay View Street has been a residential area with no commercial uses. Most of the houses on Bay View were originally built as summer homes and later converted to year-round homes.
- In the 1970's, Camden adopted its first zoning standards which prohibited commercial uses in the Bay View area. In the 1980's, Camden citizens conducted an in-depth study of its past and future, rewriting both the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. Both documents were again updated in 2005, identifying sections of town as growth areas well-suited for commercial use; Bay View Street was not identified as a growth area.
- Granting this investment group's proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance would be the first time our town has allowed a residential lot in the Coastal Residential District to be converted to a commercial use. Wouldn't it be a shame to disregard the hard work of so many caring and committed Camden residents over the past 40 years and allow this proposal to pass?

## We respectfully ask the Planning Board to vote NO to rezoning Fox Hill

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