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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