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Investors with full knowledge bought the Fox Hill property in the Coastal Residential Zone and now are acting aggressively to over turn our zoning and put a commercial venture in that residential zone. If they are successful every one in any residential zone in Camden is vulnerable to a commercial venture being approved and built next door. In effect, the zoning protection that we all enjoy will be super-ceded by the precedent of the spot zoning.

I was very active in economic development for Camden serving on both CAFG (founding member) and CEDAC, but I haven't been active in the political arena for some time. However this issue is so important that I think it deserves my attention. I know how difficult it is to attract businesses and jobs to our community but it should not be at the expense of the attractiveness of the town. Our residential neighborhoods are part of the charm of our town and they should be preserved. Furthermore a change in zoning would be contrary to the town's Comprehensive Plan and to principles of good zoning and the precedent of spot zoning would destroy Camden's zoning structure and some of its considerable charm to residents and visitors alike.

I am totally opposed to the proposal to allow commercial activities in a residential zone.

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