

Friday, October 04, 2013

Dear Ms. Finnigan, the respected Planning and Select Board Members,

(Please ensure that all members of the above named Boards receive a copy of this letter. Thanks.)

Thanks for your work educating the public about the potential pro's and con's of changing Camden's Fox Hill residential property zoning to commercial zoning.

An important point seems to be missing from the discussion and is our primary concern: if the residential zoning becomes commercial zoning for the proposed Fox Hill Rehab Center or any other use, it is unlikely to ever return to residential zoning, forever changing the nature of the property. This action would set a precedent for properties anywhere and everywhere within Camden.

We understand that the potential rehab center would be a tenant of the current group who owns the property. Who is to say if, when and how often that property's tenants could change hands?

The "goodness" of the proposed rehab facility is totally irrelevant to the discussion.

If/when the potential developers of the rehab facility sell/close/rent/sublet/default or abandon the property, Camden will have no control over what happens to this property next, except to insure that another commercial development of unknown consequences may move in and further weaken the residential character of Camden.

We stand opposed to changing Camden's zoning to accommodate the current request by the Fox Hill property owners for commercial development of any kind.

Thanks for your interest.

Sincerely,

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