

Interested in Camden's future, too

Although I have been writing for 20 years about Camden's past in order to perhaps save its history, I am also very much interested in Camden's future. As a tax payer in Camden since 1957, and this town having been home all my life, I am very interested in the "Fox Hill" issue. So here is my opinion, for what it is worth.

I am not against a "rehabilitation hotel" for addiction to drugs and alcohol. We all know it is necessary. I am not against such a place being in Camden. What I am against is its location.

"Fox Hill" is a wonderful home built more than 100 years ago by Mr. Borden. Shortly after many "summer" homes were built in that area and all along upper Bay View Street. I believe it was in 1970 that Camden adopted some zoning ordinances. It was about another 10 years before we had a Comprehensive Plan and the current Zoning Ordinance. Bay View Street would remain a residential area. I have never liked "spot zoning", where the ordinance is changed to benefit a party usually "for profit." If we keep making changes, what good is our protective Zoning Ordinance?

Also, it is said, that the laundry from that proposed home would be done outside the facility; the meals brought in and the people employed would come and go on different shifts. Bay View Street, I believe, must have been laid out by a snake, with its many, many twists and turns. The entrance to "Fox Hill" is on a very blind corner. The road was not built for that kind of traffic.

I am sure it would be a profitable business for the owners of the facility, but many of us who love this town, would like to keep it the Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan in place. There was much work put into it by many dedicated residents.

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