

Thursday, September 19, 2013

To: Steve Wilson, Camden CEO

Please forward to the members of the Camden Planning Board

I would urge the Planning Board to recommend to the Camden Select Board not to place the proposed Fox Hill Zoning Amendment on the town ballot.

My family and I have lived at 4 Central Street in Camden since 1980. We rely on the Zoning Ordinance to protect our neighborhood and the other quiet residential neighborhoods that make up the town that we have chosen to live in for over thirty years.

The former owner of Fox Hill had an expansive lifestyle. He required many buildings for his hobbies and for his entertaining. These uses met the provisions of the ordinance. The new owners now wish to change the ordinance in order to use these buildings commercially and therefore benefit financially. They clearly understood (or should of) what the allowed uses in the CR zone were, before they purchased the property.

If the Planning Board believes that the entire Zoning Ordinance is outdated and in need of a rewrite then this should be discussed. A new Comprehensive Plan should be drafted and the Zoning Ordinance modified to fit with the new plan. If not, the ordinance should stand as written and enforced by the Planning Board, the Zoning Board and the CEO. To change the ordinance through "Spot Zoning" is not appropriate and weakens the protections that all property owners in all of the zones depend on for their enjoyment and peace of mind.

Please look at the big picture, consider the needs of all property owners and recommend that this proposed amendment not move onto the town ballot.

Thank you,

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