

OPEN TOWN FLOOR MEETING – ARTICLE 17

Amendment to the Town of Camden Charter to Eliminate the Board of Assessment Review

This Amendment, if enacted by the June 2016 open town meeting, shall control to the extent it conflicts with any version of the Charter passed at the June 2016 secret ballot referendum.

(Language to be deleted is shown as ~~stricken through~~)

ARTICLE IV Administrative Organization PART A General Provisions

Section 1 Titles and Appointments

a. The following officers and boards shall be appointed by a majority vote of the members of the Select Board: agent for overseers, planning board, zoning board of appeals, ~~conservation~~ commission, and such other boards and officers when appointment is required by state or federal law or municipal ordinance. The Board may, where appropriate and where not prohibited by law, vest in the Town Manager all or part of the duties of any office. Such annual appointments shall be made at the organizational meeting or as soon thereafter as possible.

Article IV, Part C Assessment Administration

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Deleted: Section 3 2 Board of Assessment Review; Appointments; Vacancies¶

¶ There shall be a board of assessment review to consist of three (3) members appointed by the Select Board. The initial board of assessment review created by this Charter shall serve staggered terms, with one member appointed for one year, one member appointed for two years, and one member appointed for three years, so that continuity is provided. Thereafter, the term of each new member shall be three (3) years. A majority of the members of the board shall be a quorum. The board shall elect its own chairman. Vacancies in the membership of such a board shall be filled by appointment by the Select Board for the unexpired term. In addition, the Select Board shall appoint two (2) alternate members for the board of assessment review, who shall also serve staggered terms. Initially, one (1) alternate shall be appointed for one (1) year and the other alternate shall be appointed for two (2) years. Thereafter, the term of each alternate shall be three (3) years. During the absence of a regular member at any meeting, the chairman of the board of assessment review shall designate the alternate member who shall serve during the absence of the absent regular member. Once a member or alternate member of the board of assessment review has been sworn into office, he or she shall continue in that office for the remainder of his or her term without having to renew the oath of office for that position annually. State Law Reference: 30 MRSA, Sec. 2060; 36 MRSA, Sec. 843;30-A MRSA, Sec. 2526(6) Revised June 9, 1992

Deleted: Section 4 3 Board of Assessment Review; Powers; Duties¶

¶ The board of assessment review shall have the power to:¶

- ¶ a. review, on complaint of property owners, and revise assessments for the purpose of taxation of real and personal property within the town limits made by the ~~board of assessors-assessor~~, in accordance with 36 MRSA, Sec. 843.¶
- ¶ b. administer oaths;¶
- ¶ c. take testimony; ¶
- ¶ d. hold hearings; and

Deleted: e. adopt regulations regarding the procedure of assessment review.¶