

**TOWN OF CAMDEN CHARTER**  
**SECTION 13 LONG-RANGE PROGRAMS - PLANNING BOARD**

a. The planning board shall prepare, within eighteen months of the acceptance of this charter, a written five-year plan for submission to the Select Board. Upon acceptance of the plan by the Board, printed copies of the plan will be made available to the general public upon request.

b. The purpose of the five-year plan will be to provide long-range continuity to the Town for programs requiring more than a year to complete, and for capital appropriations of significant magnitude. It is the intent to have continuity in community programs that will surpass the normal changes in appointed and elected municipal personnel, and provide bench marks against which to evaluate community progress toward established goals.

c. The planning board shall prepare annually an update of the five-year plan to the Select Board. In addition to the update, the planning board will prepare a written comparison evaluation of the past year's actual performance as applied to the actions called for in the plan. These reports shall become part of the annual Town Report.

d. Any expenditure for planning, studying and consulting pertaining to five-year planning shall be raised within the Town's annual operational budget.

e. \*The Planning Board shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the Select Board. Each Planning Board member shall serve for a term of five (5) years. The initial Planning Board created by this Charter shall serve staggered terms, so that planning continuity is provided.

In addition, the Select Board may annually appoint two (2) alternate members for the Planning Board. The term of office for alternate members shall be one (1) year. During the absence of a regular member at any meeting, the Chairman of the Planning Board shall designate the alternate member who shall serve during the absence of the absent regular member.

With the exception of alternate members, once a member of the Planning Board 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.

\*Adopted November 5, 1991.

State Law Reference: 30 MRSA, Sec. 4961