

**SAMPLE BALLOT
TOWN OF CAMDEN, MAINE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 14, 2022**

Instructions to Voters

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Article 2

Select Board
for a three year term
(Select Board members serve as
Overseers of the Poor, and
Wastewater Commissioners)
Vote for One

Hedstrom, Thomas

Ratner, Marc

.....Write-in

Select Board
for a two year term
(Select Board members serve as
Overseers of the Poor, and
Wastewater Commissioners)
Vote for One

French, Stephanie M.

Lawson, Robert

.....Write-in

Director of Maine School
Administrative District #28/CSD #19
for a three year term
Vote for Two

Flanagan, Rebecca S.

Pohlman, Taylor

.....Write-in

.....Write-in

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Article 3:

Shall the Town of Camden, amend the Town Charter to provide for using Secret Ballot voting pursuant to 30-A MRS § 2528 for adoption of the annual budget?

A copy of the proposed related Amendments is available for review in the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours and on the Town of Camden's website at www.camdenmaine.gov

Select Board Recommends: 4-0-0

Yes

No

Article 4:

Shall the Town of Camden, amend ARTICLE X Part II: Section 1. Environmental. (2) Soils and Earth-Moving. (a.) Erosion Control of the Camden Zoning Ordinance?

Note: The amendment would require the installation of erosion control measures and the use of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection's Erosion and Sedimentation Control Best Management Practices manuals to avoid unreasonable erosion and sedimentation into the town's water resources.

A copy of the proposed Amendment is available for review in the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours and on the Town of Camden's website at www.camdenmaine.gov

Planning Board Recommends: 5-0-0

Select Board Recommends: 4-0-0

Yes

No

Article 5:

Shall the Town of Camden, amend ARTICLE III: DEFINITIONS of the Camden Zoning Ordinance by removing the Definition of COTTAGE and deleting the four references to the use within the Ordinance?

Note: A Cottage is a Dwelling Unit limited to seasonal occupancy. Seasonal Dwelling Units are already allowed, as a DWELLING UNIT as defined in the Ordinance, and retaining this duplicative and redundant definition and use creates confusion.

A copy of the proposed Amendment is available for review in the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours and on the Town of Camden's website at www.camdenmaine.gov

Planning Board Recommends: 5-0-0

Select Board Recommends: 4-0-0

Yes

No

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Article 6:

Shall the Town of Camden, amend ARTICLE V, Administration & Enforcement by adding a (NEW) Section 5 Photographic Record in the Shoreland Overlay Zone and renumber the remaining sections of Article V of the Camden Zoning Ordinance?

Note: The proposed amendment ensures that the Town is in compliance with 38 M.R.S. Section 439-A (10) and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection's mandatory Shoreland Zoning requirements contained in Chapter 1000 to require a Photographic Record of certain work done within the Shoreland Zone.

A copy of the proposed Amendment is available for review in the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours and on the Town of Camden's website at www.camdenmaine.gov

Planning Board Recommends: 5-0-0

Select Board Recommends: 4-0-0

Yes

No

Article 7:

Shall the Town of Camden, amend ARTICLE VI, NONCONFORMANCE, SECTION 2. NONCONFORMING LOTS (2.) (e) of the Camden Zoning Ordinance regarding existing non-conformities in the Traditional Village and Village Extension Districts.

Note: This amendment would allow the conversion of existing single-family dwellings on existing non-conforming lots of record to be converted into two-family dwelling units in the Traditional Village District and in the Village Extension District on lots with sewer without being considered an expansion of a nonconformity.

A copy of the proposed Amendment is available for review in the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours and on the Town of Camden's website at www.camdenmaine.gov

Planning Board Recommends: 5-0-0

Select Board Recommends: 4-0-0

Yes

No

Article 8:

Shall the Town of Camden, amend ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 6. VILLAGE EXTENSION (VE) Subsection B., Permitted Uses and Subsection E., Standards, of the Camden Zoning Ordinance which would allow multi-family dwellings in the Village Extension District and would amend other development standards including minimum lot size and lot coverage requirements?

Note: These amendments will: 1.) Allow multi-family dwellings on lots in the Village Extension District served by public sewer, and reduce the lot size per dwelling unit for these multi-family dwellings from 7,500 sq. ft. per dwelling unit to 5,000 sq. ft; 2) Allow two-family dwellings on lots served by public sewer without an increase in lot size per dwelling unit; 3) Reduce the minimum lot size for lots without public sewer from 40,000 sq. ft. to 20,000 sq. ft., which is consistent with the State's minimum lot size regulations; and 4) The amendment would also increase the maximum building coverage for those lots from 10% to 25%.

A copy of the proposed Amendment is available for review in the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours and on the Town of Camden's website at www.camdenmaine.gov

Planning Board Recommends: 5-0-0

Select Board Recommends: 3-1-0

Yes

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Article 9:

Shall the Town of Camden, amend ARTICLE VIII SECTION 7 TRADITIONAL VILLAGE (V) E. Standards of the Camden Zoning Ordinance, which would reduce the lot size requirements?

Note: This amendment will allow two-family dwellings without the need for additional lot area, and will reduce the minimum lot size for multi-family dwellings from 7,500 sq. ft. per dwelling unit up to 5,000 sq. ft.

A copy of the proposed Amendment is available for review in the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours and on the Town of Camden's website at www.camdenmaine.gov

Planning Board Recommends: 5-0-0
Select Board Recommends: 4-0-0

- Yes
- No

Article 10:

Shall the Town of Camden, amend ARTICLE X PART 1 SECTION 1: Standards in the Shoreland Area Overlay (9) LOTS and STRUCTURES, Subsection (e) Multiple Structures, of the Camden Zoning Ordinance?

Note: This amendment will ensure that the Town's Zoning Ordinance is consistent with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection's Mandatory Shoreland Zoning requirements contained in Chapter 1000, clarifying that only the land within the Shoreland Zone shall be considered when determining if dimensional requirements are met.

A copy of the proposed Amendment is available for review in the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours and on the Town of Camden's website at www.camdenmaine.gov

Planning Board Recommends: 5-0-0
Select Board Recommends: 4-0-0

- Yes
- No

Article 11:

Shall the Town of Camden adopt a Moratorium Ordinance to prohibit installation, construction or modification of piers, docks, floats, or ramps serving residential properties within the bounds of the Coastal and Outer Harbors, as defined in the Camden Harbor and Waterways Ordinance. The term of the ordinance shall be for 180 days from the Effective Date. The Effective Date and date of applicability for the Outer and Coastal Harbor shall be March 15, 2022, the date of introduction of the Moratorium Ordinance discussion by the Camden Select Board. This Moratorium Ordinance shall not apply to any permit for a pier and float system issued by the Select Board on or before March 15, 2022. This Moratorium Ordinance shall not apply to routine repairs or maintenance of existing piers, docks, floats or ramps located within the Outer or Coastal Harbor.

A copy of the proposed Moratorium is available for review in the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours and on the Town of Camden's website at www.camdenmaine.gov

Select Board Recommends: 4-0-0

- Yes
- No

Article 12:

Shall the Town vote to set October 15 or the next regular business day thereafter, and April 15 or the next regular business day thereafter, as due dates for taxes and to fix the rate of interest on unpaid taxes at 6% per year; subject to suspension of interest for a period not to exceed six months, as the Select Board deems appropriate, to the extent allowed by law?

Select Board Recommends: 4-0-0

- Yes
- No

Article 13:

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept pre-payment of property taxes, with no interest to be paid on same?

Select Board Recommends: 4-0-0

- Yes
- No

Article 14:

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board and Treasurer, on behalf of the Town, to apply for and accept grants, gifts, real estate and other funds, including trust funds, that may be given or left to the Town?

Select Board Recommends: 4-0-0

- Yes
- No

Article 15:

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of tax acquired property in any manner which the Select Board deems in the best interest of the Town of Camden, except that the Select Board shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s)?

Select Board Recommends: 3-1-0

- Yes
- No

Article 16:

Shall the Town authorize the Select Board in its best judgment to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement to sell the Apollo Tannery Property as described in Book 3148 Page 278 and 280 and as depicted on Tax Map 114 Lot 18 ("Premises"), excluding the fee interest in the land burdened by the Coastal Mountains Land Trust Declaration recorded in Book 4083 Page 81, subject to the following criteria:

1. The Premises to be developed consistent with the general principles of a central pavilion and gathering center, and flexible incubator workshop spaces, as provided in the Tannery Park Proposal from Cranesport, LLC, dated October 20, 2020.
2. The purchase price of the Premises will be no less than \$250,000.
3. The Premises to have continued availability for a farmers' market.
4. The Town to retain ownership of the Premises until completion of Brownfields remediation through the filing of an amended Certificate of Completion of a Voluntary Response Action Program from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

Select Board Recommends: 3-1-0

- Yes
- No

Article 17:

In the event that Article 16 immediately above should fail to be adopted and approved by the voters, shall the Town require the Select Board not to sell the Apollo Property as described in Book 3148 Pages 278 and 280, excluding the fee interest in the land burdened by the Coastal Mountains Land Trust Declaration recorded in Book 4093 Page 81, unless the property shall be disposed of subject to the requirements of Article 10 of the Town Warrant from the Annual Town Meeting held on June 10, 2008, and also that the Apollo Tannery property can only be disposed of by a vote of a Town Meeting?

Select Board Recommends: 3-1-0

- Yes
- No

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Article 18:

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of personal property pursuant to the Town's Purchasing Regulations, as amended; and further authorize the Town Manager to dispose of personal property pursuant to the Town's Purchasing Regulations, as amended, which has a market value of less than three thousand dollars?

Select Board Recommends: 4-0-0

- Yes
- No

Article 19:

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board, following a public hearing, to transfer an amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the unexpended balances from any budgetary category to another budgetary category of the annual budget, subject to the limitations contained in this ARTICLE, during the period from April 1 to the date of the annual town meeting in June? The transfer of unexpended balances from various budgetary categories shall not increase the expenditure in any budgetary category by an amount which exceeds two-twelfths (2/12) of the budgeted amount approved for that budgetary category by the annual town meeting?

Select Board Recommends: 4-0-0

- Yes
- No

Article 20:

Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$4,192,812 from non-property tax revenue sources to be used in reducing the property tax commitment for the expenditures in the following Article for the 2022-2023 fiscal year?

Note: The Budget Committee unanimously recommended \$4,099,427, and the Select Board recommended unanimously \$4,192,812

- Yes
- No

Article 21:

Shall the Town vote to appropriate the Select Board's recommendation of \$10,481,653, with some but not all of that to be raised by taxation, as follows:

	Budget Committee Recommends	Select Board Recommends
A. GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$2,420,936	\$2,512,853
B. PUBLIC SAFETY	\$2,829,540	\$2,829,540
C. HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES	\$1,818,797	\$1,818,797
D. HEALTH & WELFARE	\$ 18,500	\$ 18,500
E. LEISURE SERVICES	\$1,332,898	\$1,341,298
F. CEMETERIES	\$ 51,100	\$ 51,100
G. DEBT/CAPITAL/CONTINGENCY	<u>\$1,946,739</u>	<u>\$1,909,565</u>
Total Proposed Expenditures A through G:	\$10,418,510	\$10,481,653

Note: The Select Board recommended acceptance of this article by a 4-0-0 vote, while the Budget Committee recommends an amount of \$10,418,510 by a vote of 9-0-0 which is a difference of \$63,143. The Select Board's recommendation represents a net increase in expenditures of 5.29% from the prior financial year.

A copy of the proposed budget in full is available for review in the Town Manager's Office during regular business hours and on the Town of Camden website at www.camdenmaine.gov.

- Yes
- No

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