



**OFFICIAL BALLOT
TOWN OF CAMDEN, MAINE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 2021**

Katrina Lakes
Town Clerk

Instructions to Voters

- ◆ To vote, completely fill in the oval to the left, like this: ●
- ◆ To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.
- ◆ If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

ARTICLE 2

Shall the Town amend Camden Zoning Ordinance, Article X Performance Standards, Part II, Section 4: Off Street Parking and Loading Standards to exempt certain uses from parking requirements in the Downtown Business District (B-1) and the Transitional Harbor Business District (B-TH) and update parking requirements?

Note: The proposed amendments would exempt certain uses in the Downtown Business District (B-1) and the Transitional Harbor Business District (B-TH) from the off-street parking standards outlined in Article X of the Town's Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendments will address outdated off-street parking requirements, which can negatively impact economic activity and development opportunities in the downtown core, where ample parking currently exists on-street and in existing public and private parking lots.

A copy of the proposed revisions is available for review in the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours.

Planning Board Recommends: 3-1-0

Select Board Recommends: 5-0-0

- Yes
- No

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Town amend Camden Zoning Ordinance, Article IX Open Space Zoning, Section 2 Applicability; Section 3 General Standards (1) within the Rural-1 District; (2) within the Rural-2 District; and (3) within the Coastal Residential Zone so as to revise existing standards and provide for more flexible and affordable open space development.

Note: The purpose of the amendments is to revise the standards for some rural subdivisions to increase housing opportunities in Camden.

A copy of the proposed revisions is available for review in the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours.

Planning Board Recommends: 4-0-0

Select Board Recommends: 4-1-0

- Yes
- No

CONTINUE VOTING ON BACK

ARTICLE 4

Shall the Town approve the Charter revision dated September 13, 2021 as recommended by the Charter Commission?

Note: Town charter is a document that defines the organization, powers, functions and essential procedures of the town government. The structure and main body of the current Charter was adopted over 40 years ago. While some specific amendments have been adopted since that time, there is a belief that a comprehensive Charter revision was necessary to eliminate inconsistencies with State Law and current practices, and to best reflect current times and methods of conducting the citizens' business.

A copy of the proposed revisions is available for review in the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours.

- Yes
- No

ARTICLE 5

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Town Manager to execute and receive certain easements to and from land owners abutting the sewer line running from southerly side of Atlantic Avenue to an existing Town sewer pump station at the northerly end of the Lyman Morse property (Camden Properties, LLC, Tax Map 124, Lot 4) so as to clarify the location of the new forced main, allow for temporary construction rights, and release areas of prior sewer easements from the Town back to abutting owners that are no longer needed or necessary, all as depicted on a survey entitled "Sewer Easement Plan, Town of Camden" by Gartley and Dorsky, dated January 13, 2021."

Note: Securing these easement agreements will allow the Town to proceed with replacing the sewer force main that currently runs under Camden Harbor from the Sea Street pump station to the Bayview Street pump station. The new sewer force main will run overland from the Sea Street pump station across the back of the properties on Sea Street, down Atlantic Avenue to connect with the portion of the force main that was installed on Main Street and Commercial Street to the Bayview Street pump station on the Public Landing.

Select Board Recommends: 5-0-0

- Yes
- No

ARTICLE 6 NON BINDING

Do you favor changing the method of voting on the Annual Town Budget to paper ballot (referendum) instead of the current method of voting in person by show of hands at the open Town Meetings?

Note: Due to the state of emergency caused by the pandemic, the town's citizens have voted on the annual budget appropriations and borrowing by paper ballot, either by absentee or at the Camden Public Safety building, for two consecutive years. This non-binding article is to gauge voters' interest in having the Town continue that method of voting on the budget. Any recommendation for a change to the Charter to vote by referendum (paper ballot) will require public hearings and approval by the voters of the Town.

- Yes
- No

YOU HAVE COMPLETED VOTING