

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

June 13, 2023

County of Knox

To: Randy Gagne, Constable of the Town of Camden, Maine

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Camden, required by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at Camden Public Safety Building, 31 Washington Street on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. in the forenoon to 8:00 p.m. in the afternoon to vote on Articles 1 through 16 at which time the meeting will adjourn. All said Articles being set out below, to wit:

ARTICLE 1

To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2

Two Select Board Members for a three-year term (Select Board member shall serve as the Board of Overseers, and Wastewater Commissioner);

Two Director of Maine School Administrative District #28/CSD #19 for three-year terms

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Town amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow the retail sale of cannabis (marijuana) for adult use in a total of two locations, which use must be located within the Downtown Business District (B-1), the Transitional Business District (B-3), or the Transitional Harbor Business District, and must be set back 500 feet from the boundary line of a lot containing a child-care facility, a day-care center (or nursery school), a public preschool program, a public school, the Camden Public Library (Map 233 120 Lot 268) or any other educational facility that serves children from pre-kindergarten to grade 12, pursuant to Title 28-B, Chapter 1, Subchapter 4, §402 ?

***NOTE:** The full text of the proposed ordinance amendments is in the Town Clerk's Office and the Town Website and is available for inspection during regular business hours. The specific sections to be amended are as follows: Chapter 290, Zoning of the Camden Code, Article III §290 3.2 Terminology, to amend the Definition of Cannabis by adding the term "cannabis retail stores"; to add a new definition (n) for Cannabis Retail Store; and to amend the Definition of Cannabis Establishment; 2) To Article VIII §290 8.8 (Downtown Business District (B-1), §290 8.10 Transitional Business District (B-3) and §290 8.15 Transitional Harbor Business District (B-TH) to add a new commercial use for Cannabis Retail Stores. These amendments define standards for establishing these stores and for complying with State and Local Licensing requirements.*

Select Board Voted: 4-1-0

ARTICLE 4

In the event that Article 3 is not adopted by the voters, Shall the Town amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow the retail sale of cannabis (marijuana) for adult use in a total of two locations, which use must be located within the Downtown Business District (B-1), the Transitional Business District (B-3), or the Transitional Harbor Business District, and must be set back 1000 feet from the boundary line of a lot containing a child-care facility, a day-care center (or nursery school), a public preschool program, a public school, the Camden Public Library (Map 233 120 Lot 268) or any other educational facility that serves children from pre-kindergarten to grade 12, pursuant to Title 28-B, Chapter 1, Subchapter 4, §402?

***NOTE:** Article 4 is drafted as the alternative to Article 3 in the event that Article 3 fails to be adopted by the voters. There is only one change from Article 3: In this Article 4 the setback for adult use marijuana retail stores from the boundary line from daycares, schools, the Camden Public Library and all educational facilities is*

increased from 500 feet and shall be required to be a minimum of 1000 feet. The full text of the proposed amendments is in the Town Clerk's Office and available for inspection during regular business hours. The specific sections to be amended are as follows: Chapter 290, Zoning of the Camden Code, Article III §290 3.2 Terminology, to amend the Definition of Cannabis by adding the term.

Select Board Voted: 4-1-0

ARTICLE 5

Shall the Town vote to authorize the transfer of property on Rollins Road as described in Book 135 Page 258 and as depicted on Tax Map 227 Lot 001, to the Coastal Mountains Land Trust?

Note: This 4.5 acre lot on Rollins Road is bisected by the Goose River and has been in the Town's possession since 1904. This lot is currently utilized for both recreational and conservation purposes. By transferring ownership from the Town of Camden to Coastal Mountains Land Trust, this lot can be better utilized as a trailhead to the system of trails on the Goose River Preserve.

Select Board Voted: 5-0-0

ARTICLE 6 - Street Opening License

Shall the Town amend Chapter 231 – Streets and Sidewalks, of the Town of Camden's Code of Ordinances, by adding a new Article III – Street and Road Openings, in order to regulate the placement of certain structures and to require certain performance standards for work within the Town's streets?

Note: The purpose of this amendment is to create performance standards for how work is done in Town streets and roads, and the condition they are returned to once the work is completed. Additionally, the placement of structures, such as utilities, will be regulated by this ordinance. The full text of the proposed ordinance amendments is in the Town Clerk's Office and Town Website and is available for inspection during regular business hours.

Select Board Voted: 5-0-0

ARTICLE 7 – Business Licensing

Shall the Town amend the Town of Camden's Code Of Ordinances by making minor changes to existing licensing ordinances, adding special provisions for "Entertainment Districts" and to consolidate Chapter 11- Amusement Permits, Chapter 20 - Public Assemblies, Chapter 88 – Flea Markets, Chapter 112 – Hawking and Peddling, Chapter 150 – Lodging Establishments, Chapter 158 – Marijuana, Chapter 240 - Taxicabs, Chapter 270 – Victualers, and Article II of Chapter 7 – Alcoholic Beverages, into a new "Chapter 142, Licensing; business and other.

Note: These amendments would consolidate existing business licensing articles and chapters into one new Licensing chapter and would makes minor changes to licensing procedures and requirements and would create a special provision for establishing entertainment districts, allowing for a "common consumption area" for licensed facilities. The full text of the proposed ordinance amendments is in the Town Clerk's Office and the Town Website and is available for inspection during regular business hours.

Select Board Voted: 5-0-0

ARTICLE 8

Shall the Town approve amendments to Article VI Financial Procedures, Section 6.03 Budget Committee and Section 6.06 Town Vote on the Budget of the Town Charter?"

Note: The purpose of these Charter amendments are to make Budget Committee positions appointed by the Select Board, as opposed to elected, and to remove specific names of budget categories in the Charter. The full text of the proposed charter amendments is in the Town Clerk's Office and Town Website and is available for inspection during regular business hours

Select Board Voted: 5-0-0

ARTICLE 9

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 8% 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 Voted: 5-0-0

ARTICLE 10

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 Voted: 5-0-0

ARTICLE 11

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 Voted: 5-0-0

ARTICLE 12

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); excluding 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.

Select Board Voted: 5-0-0

ARTICLE 13

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 Voted: 5-0-0

ARTICLE 14

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 Voted: 5-0-0

ARTICLE 15

Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$4,904,451 from non-property tax revenue sources to be used in reducing the property tax commitment for the expenditures in the following Article for the 2023-2024 fiscal year?

Note: The Budget Committee recommended 9-0-0 \$4,554,451, and the Select Board recommended 4-1-0 \$4,904,451.

ARTICLE 16

Shall the Town vote to appropriate the Select Board's recommendation of \$11,399,305, with some but not all of that to be raised by taxation, as follows:

	Budget Committee <u>Recommends</u>	Select Board <u>Recommends</u>
A. GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$2,302,250	\$2,346,755
B. PUBLIC SAFETY	\$3,240,200	\$3,267,900
C. HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES	\$1,992,000	\$2,012,000
D. HEALTH & WELFARE	\$ 19,500	\$ 19,500
E. LEISURE SERVICES	\$1,742,250	\$1,727,350
F. CEMETERIES	\$ 51,000	\$51,100
G. DEBT/CAPITAL/CONTINGENCY	\$1,944,700	\$1,974,700
Total Proposed Expenditures A through G:	\$11,291,900	\$11,399,305

Note: The Budget Committee recommends an amount of \$11,291,900 by a vote of 9-0-0, while the Select Board recommended an amount of \$11,399,305 by a vote of 4-1-0. The Select Board's recommendation represents a net increase in expenditures of 3.28% 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.

The Select Board gives notice that the Registrar of Voters will be in session at the Camden Town Office for the purpose of accepting and correcting the voting list during regular business hours Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. and at the polls Tuesday, June 13, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

You must be a Camden registered voter to vote in any election.

Given under our hands this 18th day of April 2023.

CAMDEN SELECT BOARD

Robert Falciani, Chairperson

Alison McKellar, Vice-Chairperson

Sophie Romana

Stephanie French

Thomas Hedstrom

A True Attest Copy: _____
Katrina Oakes, Town Clerk

RETURN

I certify that I have notified the Voters of Camden of the time and place of the Town of Camden Annual Town Meeting, June 13, 2023, by posting an attested copy of the Notice of Warrants at the Camden Public Safety Building, Camden Town Office, Camden Public Library, and the Camden Post Office on _____, _____, 2023.

Randy Gagne, Constable