

# **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

To the Honorable Select Board and the Residents of Chilmark:

In 2023, the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) bid farewell to Russell Maloney and welcomed new alternate member Emily Josephs and new Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer Adam Petkus.

The ZBA meetings continued to be held remotely for the year. In July, Chris Murphy became Chair, taking over from Frank Lo Russo.

The pool by-law was successfully amended this year, a process that started in 2018 but was delayed by the pandemic.

A total of 35 applications were received by the ZBA in 2023. The Board diligently reviews every application to make sure all projects meet the Zoning By-Law specifications that have been approved by Chilmark voters. Many times before a Special Permit is voted by the Board, the applicants continue their hearing while they revise their plans to meet the by-law specifications, a process that can span several months. The types of petitions and the decisions made in 2023 are shown below. The total is greater than 35 because several of the applications were filed under multiple by-laws.

<b>Type of Petition</b>	<b>By-law</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Denied</b>	<b>Continued</b>	<b>Withdrawn</b>
Guesthouses	4	7	1	0	0
Built-in pools	4	13	0	0	0
Tennis Courts	4	1	0	0	0
Pickle Ball Courts	4	0	0	0	1
Setback Exceptions	6	5	0	0	0
Accessory Apartments	6	2	0	0	0
Residential Building Size	6	7	0	0	0
Non-conforming Uses	8	4	0	0	0
Designated Areas	11	3	0	0	0
Squibnocket Pond District	12	0	0	1	0

Respectfully submitted,

CHRIS MURPHY – Chairman  
JOAN MALKIN – Vice Chairman  
ALLISON BURGER  
FRANK LORUSSO  
JOE CHAPMAN  
FRED KHEDOURI – Alternate  
EMILY JOSEPHS – Alternate