

Dear Allison,

I am writing to the Zoning Board of Appeals to introduce a New York Times article, which as an abutter to the proposed Pickleball Court at 8 Greenhouse Lane, is of considerable concern to me. The article, entitled Shattered Nerves, Sleepless Nights: Pickleball Noise is Driving Everyone Nuts, is attached below and describes the plight of those unfortunate enough to live in close proximity to one. I appeal to the Owners of 8 Greenhouse Lane (and the Zoning Board of Appeals) to consider the negative impact on the quality of life in this bucolic setting should you proceed with this undertaking. Please take a few minutes to read the article below before you act.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Barre  
15 Eliot Ave

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Esteemed Mr Osnos,

I am writing you out of concern that the town might allow pickle ball courts in our residential area. I wish to bring to your attention the extreme detriment that pickle ball courts have on any neighbor that is unfortunate enough to hear the activity. The town of Chilmark is special for its beauty, quiet and nature. Noise travels incredibly well here and I do not wish to be put into a situation where the quiet enjoyment of my property is put at risk. I have much literature to share with you in regard to noise from pickleball starting with an EPA study done in 2021 in which the EPA states pickleball noise exceeds noise standards. Pickleball has a history of community noise complaints. West Tisbury does not allow individual pickleball courts in homes and I want Chilmark to do the same. Many years back I had an issue with noise from pool equipment on a property on Wakeman road. It took 5 years of back and forth before issue was resolved and I had to suffer during it. I was told to call the Chilmark police every time I heard the noise and the police had to come to my home, hear the noise, then drive to property on Wakeman rd to confirm it was coming from there before the issue was finally resolved. It was not a pleasant experience and needless to say created great animosity with my neighbor in question. Please allow me to share some of the information I have and consider using the exclusionary zoning that I believe we have. If it is not specifically permitted, it is excluded. Thank you

<https://sachub.net/2020/10/12/pickleball-noise-creates-a-human-health-risk-study-says/>

Ruby and Paul Iantosca  
11 Wooton Bassett rd

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To the members of the ZBA and the Applicants for a Pickleball Court at 8 Greenhouse Lane:

The community surrounding 8 Greenhouse Lane defines social and natural ecology. Everything we do affects each of the rest of us. Folks tend to be pretty careful about sound, views and lights, as indeed the residents of 8 Greenhouse Lane have been for the past 12 years. This place has been a quiet refuge for me, family, friends and neighbors for decades. I have enclosed a video/mp4 recording showing what our experience is now, and a couple of articles detailing the noise problems of pickle ball. I hope in this way the ZBA and the applicants can see and hear the current sounds of the sea and wetlands as we on my deck (and in our bedrooms and living room) face the proposed new construction, sounds and experience that will be irrevocably altered by even one pickleball court.

I beg you all, ZBA and the owners of 8 Greenhouse Lane, out of kindness to my household and to the community and to the wildlife and birdlife you have nurtured over the years, please reconsider the pickle ball proposal.

Sincerely

Leslie Prosterman

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Chilmark Zoning Board of Appeals

Dear Members:

As an abutter, I am not in favor of granting a special permit to the SWB Limited Partnership to construct a pickle ball court. Due to the noise factor and not in keeping with the quiet enjoyment of the area.

"The fact remains that while the paddle hitting the ball (and the ball bouncing off the court) averages 70 dBA it is still greater than **tennis's average 40 dBA.**"

Thank you for your consideration.

Natalie Conroy