



# TOWN OF CHILMARK, MASSACHUSETTS

---

401 MIDDLE ROAD  
POST OFFICE BOX 119  
CHILMARK, MA 02535  
508.645.2107  
508.645.2110 FAX  
jchristy@chilmarkma.gov

**Jennifer L. Christy**  
Planning Board Administrative Assistant

To: Honorable Select Board  
From: Jennifer L. Christy, Admin. Asst. to the Chilmark Planning Board  
Re: Moratorium on Pickle Ball Court Construction  
Date: September 13, 2023

At recent Planning Board meetings, members of the Chilmark community have approached the Board with inquiries regarding how the Town may limit the noise that pickle ball play produces, specifically, and with requests to ban pickle ball courts, in general.

Understanding that the topic will require possibly lengthy research to determine the best course of action, during which time special permit applications may be made to construct pickle ball courts, the Board is searching for a temporary tool to provide appropriate time for evaluation.

To this end, the Planning Board has discussed the establishment of a moratorium relative to the construction of pickle ball courts.

The Board requests guidance from Town Counsel, via the Select Board, to understand whether a moratorium is an appropriate tool in this case and to understand the proper manner in which the Board may move forward with the establishment of such a moratorium.

Members of the Planning Board look forward to attending the September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Select Board meeting to discuss this topic.

## Chilmark Planning Board

Richard Osness, Chair	Peter Cook	Janet Weidner
Mitchell Posin	Catherine Thompson	Hugh Weisman
	Ann Wallace	