

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

To the Honorable Select Board and the Residents of Chilmark:

The 2021 fiscal year saw the retirement of long-time Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) administrator Chuck Hodgkinson and the introduction of new administrator Alison Kisselgof.

The continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic required that ZBA meetings be held remotely for the entire year. Chairman Russell Maloney and Vice Chairman Frank LoRusso continued to perform their duties in 2021. ZBA members conducted site visits to further understand the projects being proposed but traveled in separate cars, wore masks and practiced social distancing in an effort to keep members, agents and applicants safe.

A total of 33 petitions were heard by the ZBA in 2021. 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 bylaw specifications, a process that can span several months. The types of petitions and the decisions made in 2021 are shown below. The total is greater than 33 because many applications are filed under multiple bylaws.

Type of Petition	By-law	Approved	Denied	Continued	Withdrawn
Guesthouses	4	3	0	0	0
Built-in pools	4	24	0	0	0
Tennis Courts	4	0	0	1	0
Setback Exceptions	6	4	0	0	0
Accessory Apartments	6	1	0	0	0
Residential Building Size	6	1	0	0	0
Non-conforming Uses	8	4	0	0	0
Designated Areas	11	2	0	0	0

Respectfully submitted,

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FRANK LORUSSO - Vice Chairman
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