

What is a variance?

Variations are authorizations to use land or structures in a manner that is otherwise prohibited by the Zoning By-Law.

Dimensional variations relate to such zoning requirements as area, frontage, width or depth.

Use variations relate to regulation of categories of uses in particular zoning districts.

Special permits are authorizations to use land or structures for a specific use which is expressly permitted by the special permit, provided general guidelines as detailed in the By-Law and specific conditions arising from the review process itself are met. Special permits are designed as a flexible tool to assure that the use is in harmony with the intent and purposes of the By-Law.

Appeals are reviews of the decisions or orders of zoning officials by the Board of Appeals. The Board may uphold, reverse or modify the official's decision. Appeals must be filed within 30 days of the date of the decision or order.

How do I apply?

Fill out the application forms completely and collect the supporting documentation (abutters list, deed/owner's authorization, plans etc.).

You will need to allow a few days for the Assessors to certify your abutters list prior to filing.

File the entire package with the Zoning Board of Appeals' Clerk and pay the filing fee at that time. A check payable to Town of Seekonk is preferred.

It is likely that the Board's administrator will be able to tell you your hearing date at that time.