AITKIN COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES-PLANNING & ZONING

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January 24, 2017

RE: Permit Application

Robert Buetow
1887 Radatz Avenue
Maplewood, MN 55109

Dear Mr. Buetow:

Your permit application for using shoreland averaging to construct a residence must be denied. The information provided with this request indicates that decks are located at 34 feet from the ordinary high water line on the southwest property and 38 feet from the ordinary high water line on the northeast property.

The structures used for this measurement are not decks, but are platforms. The shoreland averaging drawing (attached) clearly states that decks are greater than 30 inches to the natural grade. The neighboring structures would be considered platforms and cannot be included in a shoreland averaging calculation.

In order to construct this residence, a variance from ordinance standards would be required. The variance application process is available on our web site at:

http://www.co.aitkin.mn.us/departments/enviro-svcs/variance-applicants.html

Please call the office with any questions you have.

Sincerely,

Becky Sovde

Becky Sovde
Wetland Specialist/Compliance Officer
Aitkin County

Check # 14082 for $300 enclosed

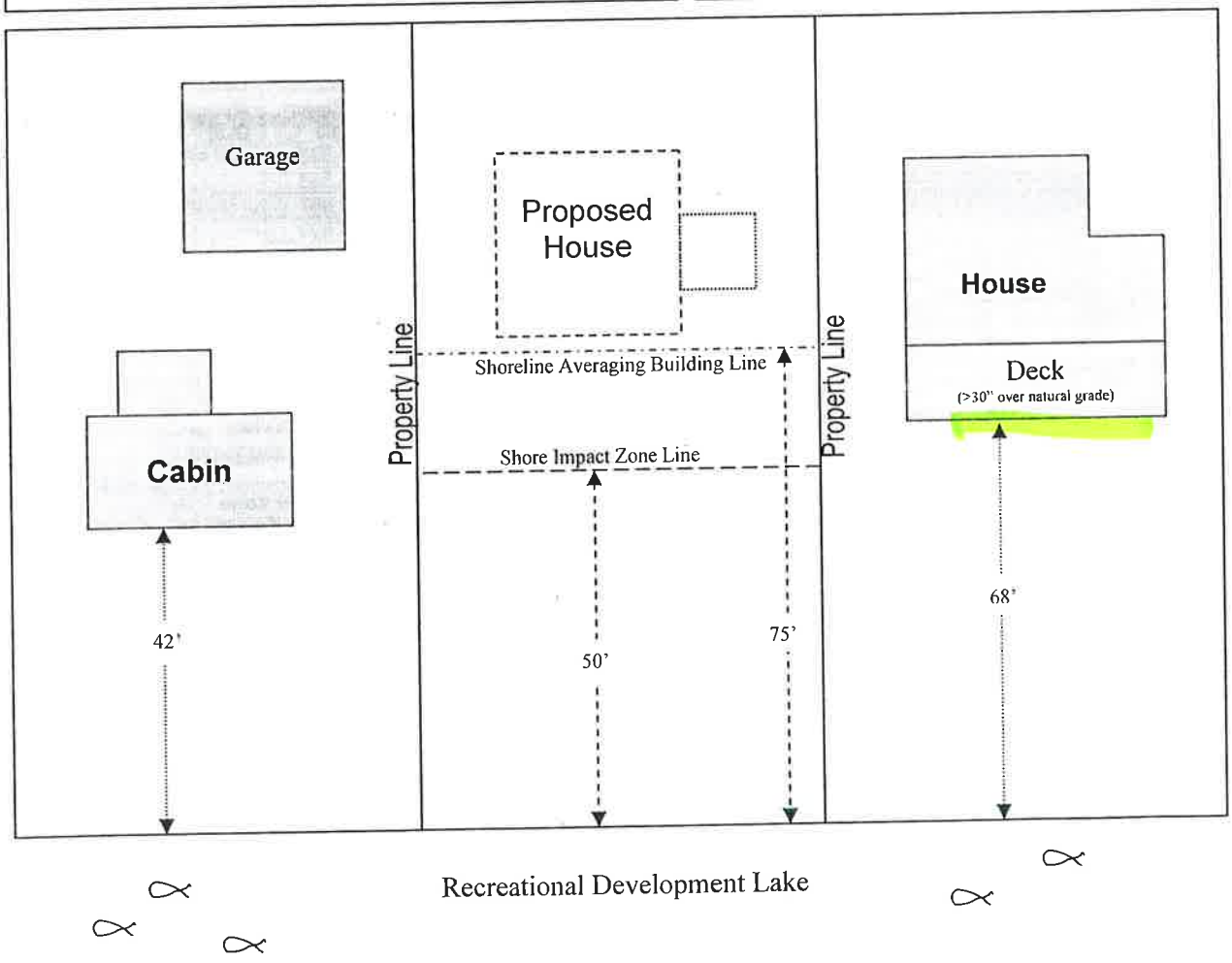
Appendix - II

Shoreline Averaging

5.21 Placement of Structures on Lots. *... Where dwelling units exist on the adjoining lots on both sides of a proposed dwelling site, dwelling setbacks may be altered without a variance to a point twenty (20) feet landward from the adjacent development shoreline average to the ordinary high water level, provided the proposed dwelling site is not located in the shore impact zone or bluff impact zone. The existing structure on adjoining lots must be of a quality such that a reasonable and prudent person would use the same for the purpose of habitation, and must not be a recreational camping vehicle, guest cottage or accessory structure...*

Definition: "Shore impact zone" means
Land located between the ordinary high water level of a public water and a line parallel to it at a setback of 50% of the structure setback but not less than 50 feet. whichever is greater.

Note: *Shoreline averaging is for new residences only*



Averaging Setbacks: 68'+ 42'=110' ÷ 2 = 55'
Add 20' to Average: 55' + 20' = 75'
In this example Shoreline Averaging = 75'
(Minimum setback is the Shore Impact Zone Line)

NOTE: All other setbacks must be met to be qualified for shoreline averaging