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RCA Properties/Jeremy Anderson –

In reviewing your permit application, it was noted that this property was issued a variance for a **400 square foot boathouse** in April, 2000. The definition listed in Section 2.718 of the Aitkin County Shoreland Management Plan & Ordinance is below. The boathouse pictured at the end of this email does not appear to meet the definition. In addition, the dimensions you provided are 20 x 24 on the boathouse. That would be 480 square feet, which exceeds the approved dimension. It appears an open porch/roofed patio was constructed at some point. Please clarify the dimension of the structure. A boathouse is a type of water-oriented accessory structure, and Section 5.22B5 clearly states it can't be used for human habitation or have running water. Please provide information on how this structure will be converted back into boat or boating equipment storage.

You are proposing to construct a garage at the setback that a residence will be required to meet, which would impede placing a residence on the property that meeting the setbacks. Garages (as well as boathouses) cannot have living quarters.

**2.718 Boathouse.** "Boathouse" means a one level accessory structure designed for the storage of boats or boating equipment.

Section 5.22 below:

B. Water-oriented Accessory Structures. Each tract of land which meets the size requirements of Section 5.21 and 6.2 of this Ordinance may have one water-oriented accessory structure not meeting the normal structure setback in Section 5.21,A of this ordinance if this water-oriented accessory structure complies with the following provisions:

- (1) the structure or facility must not exceed ten feet in height, exclusive of safety rails, and cannot occupy an area greater than 120 square feet and the maximum width of the structure is 12 feet as measured parallel to the configuration of the shoreline. Detached decks must not exceed eight feet above grade at any point;
- (2) the setback of the structure or facility from the ordinary high water level must be at least ten feet;
- (3) the structure or facility must be treated to reduce visibility as viewed from public waters and adjacent shorelands by vegetation, topography, increased setbacks or color, assuming summer leaf-on conditions;
- (4) the roof may be used as a deck with safety rails, but must not be enclosed or used as a storage area;
- (5) the structure or facility must not be designed or used for human habitation and must not connect to water supply or sewage treatment facilities;
- (6) the structure or facility must be located in the center third of the owners riparian lot or at least ten feet from the side lot line, whichever is less.

