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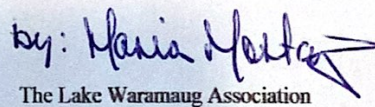
Regarding ZBA- 1121 Request of Harris, 181 West Shore Road

Dear Commissioners:

The Lake Waramaug Association (LWA) recognizes that requests for variances can sometimes be complex and that the Commissioners are doing their best to reflect the needs of the community —while adhering to the regulations. While no two properties are the same, we would like to request consistency from the Commission of the review and approval of sheds and similar structures at the lake's edge. The Commission must, therefore, uphold its previous (and unanimous) decision that there was no hardship present at this property. The fact that the size of the shed has been reduced from 8'x10' to 6'x8' does not change the hardship standard.

The LWA would like to support the Commission in a thoughtful study and review of how to regulate sheds, boat houses and other structures around the lake. We will spend time considering means for making these regulations easier to apply with consistency and we have begun discussions with Wayne Hileman, Chair of the Development Commission. In the meantime, however, this application should not be approved because it does not meet the Town's legal definition of hardship, and because its approval would perpetuate the appearance of inconsistency and that some applicants receive preferential treatment when applying for variances.

Thank you for your consideration,

by: 
The Lake Waramaug Association