

November 7, 2025

Dear Members of the DRB,

Re: Proposed Lyman Boathouse

Thank you for taking the time to review my request for a conditional permit.

Taking into consideration your concerns about 1) location and 2) non-permeable surface runoff, I have an explanation for the first and a design change for the second.

I had first considered locating the structure in the spot you noticed on your visit due to the small trees marked for removal. But, upon further consideration, I realized that building a boathouse on that spot would close off my dining room to about 90 degrees of my more than 180 degree view of the lake as well as that of the woods that the evening sun lights up.

The only other spot that would not require major clearing, and remain fairly well hidden from view from the lake, is the one I currently propose. So, in order to solve the problem of run-off so close to the lake, I have come up with an idea which I submit for your consideration.

In my unfortunately-crude drawings, also attached, which amend the original proposal, you will see gutters and downspouts and a drywell in the gulley underneath the boathouse. In one drawing, the downspouts lead directly to the drywell. Subsequently, I realized I could add a layer of protection by adding a rain barrel to act as a reservoir allowing a slower release of the captured rainfall.

The use of rain barrels was suggested by the folks at Lake-Wise, whose very favorable 2024 report on the property is also attached.

That's the gist of it, and I hope you will find these changes agreeable.

Respectfully yours,

Will Lyman