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Airmont Zoning Board of Appeals
251 Cherry Lane
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Tax Data: 62.07-2-7

Re: GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW REVIEW: Section 239 L and M

Map Date: 11/5/1965

Date Review Received: 2/12/2014

Item: *ANDREW I. COHEN (A-177)*

Variance to allow the conversion of a garage in an existing single-family residence to additional living space. The .72-acre site is located in an R-35 zoning district.
Southwest side of Regina Road, 685 feet northwest of Regina Court

Reason for Referral:

Saddle River

The County of Rockland Department of Planning has reviewed the above item. Acting under the terms of the above GML powers and those vested by the County of Rockland Charter, I, the Commissioner of Planning, hereby:

****Recommend the following modifications***

- 1 A review must be completed by the County of Rockland Drainage Agency and all required permits obtained.

Thomas B. Vanderbeek, P.E.
Commissioner of Planning

cc: Mayor Veronica Boesch, Airmont
Rockland County Drainage Agency

Andrew I. Cohen

**NYS General Municipal Law Section 239 requires a vote of a 'majority plus one' of your agency to act contrary to the above findings.*

ANDREW I. COHEN (A-177)

The review undertaken by the Rockland County Planning Department is pursuant to, and follows the mandates of Article 12-B of the New York General Municipal Law. Under Article 12-B the County of Rockland does not render opinions, nor does it make determinations, whether the item reviewed implicates the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act. The Rockland County Planning Department defers to the municipality forwarding the item reviewed to render such opinions and make such determinations if appropriate under the circumstances.

In this respect, municipalities are advised that under the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act, the preemptive force of any provision of the Act may be avoided (1) by changing a policy or practice that may result in a substantial burden on religious exercise, (2) by retaining a policy or practice and exempting the substantially burdened religious exercise, (3) by providing exemptions from a policy or practice for applications that substantially burden religious exercise, or (4) by any other means that eliminates the substantial burden.

Proponents of projects are advised to apply for variances, special permits or exceptions, hardship approval or other relief.