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Tax Data: 44.15-3-34

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

Map Date:

Date Review Received: 2/11/2015

Item: **CONGERS FIRE DEPARTMENT (C-3189S)**

Permit application to locate a carnival event and fireworks display at the Veteran's Memorial Association field from June 25 through June 28, 2015. The parcels are located in the R-15 and LS zoning districts, and together are comprised of 3.13 acres.

North and south sides of Congers Lake Road, between Sherman Avenue and Rosecrans Avenue

Reason for Referral:

Conger Lake Road (CR 80)

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 Department of Highways and all required permits obtained.
- 2 A review must be completed by the County of Rockland Department of Health and all required permits obtained.
- 3 Granting of a permit for the proposed carnival does not guarantee permit approval of any future carnival or event on the property.
- 4 The site shall be cleared of all debris and rubble within 72 hours after the closing of the carnival.
- 5 Any fine and/or violation determined by the County of Rockland Department of Health during or after the event may preclude any event from occurring at the site in the future.

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cc: Supervisor Alex Gromack, Clarkstown
Rockland County Department of Highways
Rockland County Department of Health
Congers Fire Department

Attention Pat McDonald, Town Attorney's Office
Justin Sweet, Town Clerk
Clarkstown Planning Board, Attention Joe Simoes

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

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.