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Clarkstown Planning Board
10 Maple Avenue
New City, NY 10956

Tax Data: 43.19-2-76

Re: GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW REVIEW: Section 239 L and M
Map Date: 5/18/2016 **Date Review Received:** 6/14/2016

Item: ***BENIM SCHOLASTIC ACADEMY (C-916F)***

Site plan for a proposed day-care center to occupy two classrooms within the former St. Augustine Church School, located on 2.61 acres in the H2 and H4 zoning districts.

East side of S. Main Street, north side of Third Street, south side of Second Street, and west side of Maple Avenue

Reason for Referral:

NYS Route 304

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:

***Approve**

1 The resolution and the petition for the application cites Tax Map 43.19-2-24 as the Section, Block, and Lot for this parcel. This is incorrect, as the lot is "76". This must be corrected.

Douglas J. Schuetz
Acting Commissioner of Planning

cc: Supervisor George Hoehmann, Clarkstown
New York State Department of Transportation

Jay A. Greenwell, PLS, LLC

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**The proposed action is deemed to have no significant negative impact on nearby municipalities, County or State roads or facilities, County Parks or Drainage Systems or the surrounding Neighborhood Character and, therefore, the ACTION IS FOR LOCAL DETERMINATION. Approval does not necessarily mean we endorse this subject action as desirable from the viewpoint of your municipality.*

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.

Pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law §239-m(6), the referring body shall file a report of final action it has taken with the Rockland County Department of Planning within thirty (30) days after final action. A referring body which acts contrary to a recommendation of modification or disapproval of a proposed action shall set forth the reasons for the contrary action in such report.