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Clarkstown Zoning Board of Appeals
10 Maple Avenue
New City, NY 10956

Tax Data: 43.14-2-72

Re: GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW REVIEW: Section 239 L and M
Map Date: 2/24/2016 **Date Review Received:** 4/26/2016

Item: ***THOMAS CHACKO (C-3564)***

Variance for front yard to permit the construction of a two-car, attached garage, and conversion of the existing garage into living space, for an existing single-family dwelling located in the R-15 zoning district on .44 acres.
Southeast corner of N. Little Tor Road and John Street

Reason for Referral:

N. Little Tor Road

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 The comments in the May 5, 2016 letter from the Rockland County Sewer District #1 must be addressed.

3 A review must be completed by the Rockland County Department of Health to ensure compliance with Article XIX (Mosquito Control) of the Rockland County Sanitary Code.

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Acting Commissioner of Planning

cc: Supervisor George Hoehmann, Clarkstown
Rockland County Department of Health
Rockland County Department of Highways

THOMAS CHACKO (C-3564)

Rockland County Sewer District #1

Robert E. Sorace, PLS

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.

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.