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Clarkstown Zoning Board of Appeals
10 Maple Avenue
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Tax Data: 59.11-1-30

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

Map Date: 12/13/2016

Date Review Received: 12/21/2017

Item: *THOMAS FICO (C-3574)*

Variances to permit an existing above ground swimming pool, deck, and filter for a single-family dwelling located on .57 acres in the R-22 zoning district. Needed variances include: less than the required distance to an adjoining residentially zoned lot for the pool wall, heater or filter; less than the required distance for the deck to the property line; and less than the required distance for the pool to the property line.

Northwest side of Storms Road, approximately 645 feet northeast of Casper Hill Road/Kings Highway

Reason for Referral:

NYS Route 303

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 The bulk table denotes that a variance is needed for maximum lot coverage, however, the application packet does not notate that this variance is required. It must be clarified if a lot coverage variance is also required for the pre-existing condition.



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cc: Supervisor George Hoehmann, Clarkstown
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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.