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January 6, 2014

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Grand View-on-Hudson Zoning Board of Appeals
118 River Road
Grand View, NY 10960

Tax Data: 77.22-1-4

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

Map Date: 5/16/1997

Date Review Received: 12/17/2013

Item: DONALD ALBRIGHT (GV-36A)

Variances to permit replacement of a single-car garage, damaged by Hurricane Sandy, with a slightly larger single-car garage for an existing dwelling on .24 acres in the B zoning district. Variances required include side yard and floor area ratio.

East side of River Road, approximately 150 feet south of the NYS Thruway/Tappan Zee Bridge

Reason for Referral:

River Road (CR 1), NYS Thruway, Town of Orangetown

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.

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

cc: Mayor Larry Lynn, Grand View-on-Hudson
Rockland County Department of Highways
New York State Department of Transportation
Town of Orangetown

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**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.