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Orangetown Zoning Board of Appeals
21 Greenbush Road
Orangeburg, NY 10962

Tax Data: 77.10-2-82

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

Map Date: 4/25/2014 **Date Review Received:** 5/12/2014

Item: ***ERIC HOLMES (12 CENTRAL AVENUE) (O-2246)***

Variances to allow construction of a one-story addition to an existing dwelling in the R-15 zoning district on .26 acres, with less than the required side yard, and greater than permitted maximum floor area ratio. West side of Central Avenue, 120 feet north of Old Tappan Road

Reason for Referral:

Old Tappan Road (CR 8), Western Highway (CR 15)

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

Since the proposed project will have no adverse impacts on any County-wide interests, this matter is remanded for local determination.

Douglas J. Schuetz
Acting Commissioner of Planning

cc: Supervisor Andrew Stewart, Orangetown
Rockland County Department of Highways
Robert Hoene Architect

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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.