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Orangetown Planning Board
21 Greenbush Road
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Tax Data: 71.17-1-24

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

Map Date: 4/6/2016

Date Review Received: 4/22/2016

Item: *CRAIG-LEE GARAGE/STUDIO ADDITION (O-941B)*

Site plan for the proposed addition of a three-car garage with studio space above, and modification of the existing garage to accommodate an internal stair to the studio, for an existing residence located in the R-22 zoning district and critical environmental area on 1.13 acres.

West side of US Route 9W, approximately 1,852 feet south of Station Lane

Reason for Referral:

US Route 9W, Village of Grand View-on-Hudson, Tweed Boulevard, Clausland Mountain Park

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 An updated review shall be completed by the New York State Department of Transportation and all required permits obtained.
- 2 The Village of Grand View-on-Hudson is one of the reasons this proposal was referred to this department for review. The municipal boundary is approximately 330 feet east of the side. As required under Section 239nn of the State General Municipal Law, the Village of Grand View-on-Hudson must be given the opportunity to review the proposed site plan and provide any concerns related to the project to the Town of Orangetown.
- 3 As indicated in the January 13, 2016 letter from the Rockland County Department of Highways, a work permit must be obtained from them since the site is within 500 feet of Tweed Boulevard, a County highway.

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4 Prior to the start of construction or grading, a soil and erosion control plan shall be developed and in place for the entire site that meets the latest edition of the New York State Guidelines for Urban Erosion and Sediment Control.

5 There shall be no net increase in the peak rate of discharge from the site at all design points.



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cc: Supervisor Andrew Stewart, Orangetown
Rockland County Department of Highways
Rockland County Department of Health
Rockland County Division of Environmental Resources
New York State Department of Transportation

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Village of Grand View-on-Hudson
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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.

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.