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Orangetown Zoning Board of Appeals
21 Greenbush Road
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Tax Data: 70.09-3-40 70.09-3-41.2

Re: GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW REVIEW: Section 239 L and M
Map Date: 4/8/2019 **Date Review Received:** 5/1/2019

Item: ***HAYES ADDITION - 624 WESTERN HIGHWAY (O-2280A)***

Floor area ratio variance to permit an addition to an existing single-family residence located on .378 acres in the R-15 zoning district.
West side of Western Highway, approximately 290 feet south of Old Western Highway

Reason for Referral:

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:

Recommend the following modifications

1 The comments in the May 3, 2019 letter from the Rockland County Highway Department must be met.

2 A review must be done by the Rockland County Department of Health to ensure compliance with the Rockland County Sanitary Code, Article XIX, Mosquito Control.

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Acting Commissioner of Planning

cc: Supervisor Chris Day, Orangetown

Karl Ackermann, AIA NCARB Architect
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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.*

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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.