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21 Greenbush Road
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Tax Data: 63.19-1-5

Re: GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW REVIEW: Section 239 N

Map Date: 10/4/2019

Date Review Received: 11/14/2019

Item: *LANDER SUBDIVISION (O-2393)*

Two-lot subdivision of a parcel located on 1.76 acres in the R-22 zoning district. A variance for lot width will be required for both lots.

East side of Duryea Place, approximately 188 feet north of Bradl Lane, with the northern property line on the Clarkstown boundary

Reason for Referral:

Town of Clarkstown

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 Town of Clarkstown is the reason this proposal was referred to this department for review. The municipal boundary is along the northern border of the site. New York State General Municipal Law states that the purposes of Sections 239-l, 239-m and 239-n shall be to bring pertinent inter-community and county-wide planning, zoning, site plan and subdivision considerations to the attention of neighboring municipalities and agencies having jurisdiction. Such review may include inter-community and county-wide considerations in respect to the compatibility of various land uses with one another; traffic generating characteristics of various land uses in relation to the effect of such traffic on other land uses and to the adequacy of existing and proposed thoroughfare facilities; and the protection of community character as regards predominant land uses, population density, and the relation between residential and nonresidential areas. In addition, Section 239-nn was enacted to encourage the coordination of land use development and regulation among adjacent municipalities, and as a result development occurs in a manner which is supportive of the goals and objectives of the general area.

The Town of Clarkstown must be given the opportunity to review the proposal and its impact on community character, traffic, water quantity and quality, drainage, stormwater runoff and sanitary sewer service. The areas of countywide concern noted above that directly impact the Town of Clarkstown must be considered and satisfactorily addressed, as well as any additional concerns about the proposal.

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- 2 As required by the Rockland County Stream Control Act, the subdivision plan must be reviewed and signed by the Chairman of the Rockland County Drainage Agency before the County Clerk can accept the plan to be filed.
- 3 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.
- 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 Standards 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.
- 6 We request the opportunity to review any variances that may be needed to implement the proposed subdivision, as required by New York State General Municipal Law, Section 239-m (3)(a)(v).



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cc: Supervisor Chris Day, Orangetown
Rockland County Department of Health
Rockland County Drainage Agency

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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.