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

Map Date: 11/24/2014

Date Review Received: 12/24/2014

Item: *MOSES ROSEN (R-1190R)*

Variations to permit an addition to an existing three-family dwelling in the R-15C zoning district on .23 acres. Required variations include: front setback (Monsey Boulevard & Nissan Court), front yard (Monsey Boulevard & Nissan Court), rear setback, maximum development coverage, and parking in the rear yard.

Southeast corner of Nissan Court and Monsey Boulevard

Reason for Referral:

Village of Spring Valley

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 Permitting development that does not comply with the applicable bulk standards can set an undesirable land use precedent and result in the overutilization of individual sites. The ability of the existing infrastructure to accommodate larger, non-conforming buildings is a countywide concern and must be evaluated. This evaluation must consider whether local roads will become more congested and the sewer system, stormwater management systems and the public water supply will be overburdened. The Town must consider the cumulative and regional impacts of permitting such development. The proposed additions must be reduced so that there is no need for any additional variations, particularly as they relate to maximum development coverage.

2 The proposed residential building must comply with all requirements of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code.

3 A review must be completed by the County of Rockland Office of Fire and Emergency Services, the Town Fire Inspector and the local fire district to ensure that there is sufficient maneuverability on-site for emergency vehicles.

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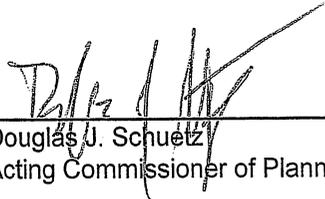
4 The Village of Spring Valley is the reason this proposal was referred to this department for review. The municipal boundary is on the west side of Monsey Boulevard, directly opposite the subject property. New York State General Municipal Law states that the purposes of Sections 239-l, 239-m and 239-n shall be to bring pertinent inter-community and countywide 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 that is supportive of the goals and objectives of the general area.

The Village of Spring Valley 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 Village of Spring Valley must be considered and satisfactorily addressed, as well as any additional concerns about the proposal.

5 The bulk table indicates that three parking spaces are provided. However, it is difficult to determine their location on the map, as they are not individually delineated. The actual parking spaces must be shown illustrating that there is sufficient maneuverability on site given their location.

6 The dumpster/trash receptacles must be shown on the map, and kept out of the parking area.

7 It is not clear if the proposed additions will result in increased housing units. If accessory units are proposed, then this must be indicated, and the bulk standards, such as parking requirements, changed to indicate such.



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Village of Spring Valley
New York State Department of State,
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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.

