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Ramapo Zoning Board of Appeals
237 Route 59
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Tax Data: 41.19-4-24

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

Map Date: 5/29/2017

Date Review Received: 8/8/2017

Item: *YEHUDA WEISSMANDL (R-1835K)*

Variations for rear yard and deck rear setback to permit the construction, maintenance and use of a pool house and a deck on .5745 acres in an R-40A zoning district. A rear setback variance was previously granted for the proposed addition to the existing single-family residence.

North side of Mariner Way, opposite Ranger Road

Reason for Referral:

NYS Route 306, Village of New Hempstead

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 A review must be completed by the New York State Department of Transportation, and any required permits obtained.
- 2 The Village of New Hempstead is one of the reasons this proposal was referred to this department for review. The municipal boundary is approximately 475 feet east of the subject property line. As required under Section 239nn of the State General Municipal Law, the Village of New Hempstead must be given the opportunity to review the proposal and provide any concerns related to the project to the Town of Ramapo.
- 3 The Town of Ramapo Building, Planning and Zoning Department's June 29, 2017 denial letter specifies that a variance is required for rear setback. The bulk table indicates that this variance was previously granted, as does the GML referral form. All application materials must be consistent. The public hearing notice will have to be reissued if it did not include all required variances.

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4 Pursuant to General Municipal Law (GML) Section 239-m and 239-n, if any of the conditions of this GML review are overridden by the board, then the local land use board must file a report with the County Commissioner of Planning of the final action taken. If the final action is contrary to the recommendation of the Commissioner, the local land use board must state the reasons for such action.

5 In addition, pursuant to Executive Order 01-2017 signed by County Executive Day on May 22, 2017, County departments are prohibited from issuing a County permit, license, or approval until the report is filed with the County Commissioner of Planning. The applicant must provide to any County agency which has jurisdiction of the project: 1) a copy of the Commissioner report approving the proposed action; or 2) a copy of the Commissioner of Planning recommendations to modify or disapprove the proposed action, and a certified copy of the land use board statement overriding the recommendations to modify or disapprove, and the stated reasons for the land use board's override.



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Rockland County Department of Health

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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.