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Stony Point Zoning Board of Appeals
74 East Main Street
Stony Point, NY 10980

Tax Data: 15.03-4-37

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

Map Date: 9/13/2019

Date Review Received: 12/6/2019

Item: *41 ORCHARD STREET - EDWARDS RESIDENCE (SP-842)*

A variance application to allow the construction of a semi in-ground pool and deck for an existing single-family residence on 0.23 acres in the R1 zoning district. A variance of minimum required spacing (Section 215-30.B) is requested.

The northwestern corner of the intersection of Orchard Street and West Main Street

Reason for Referral:

West Main Street (CR 108), Cedar Pond Brook

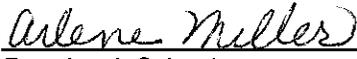
The County of Rockland Department of Planning has reviewed the above item. Acting under the terms of the above GML powers and those vested by the County of Rockland Charter, I, the Commissioner of Planning, hereby:

****Recommend the following modifications***

- 1 As per the December 20, 2019 letter from the Rockland County Highway Department, a road work permit must be obtained from them prior to starting construction activities.
- 2 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.

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3 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.


for Douglas J. Schuetz
Deputy Acting Commissioner of Planning

cc: Supervisor Jim Monaghan, Stony Point
Rockland County Department of Highways
Rockland County Drainage Agency
Donald R. Stedje, P.L.S.

**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.