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Wesley Hills Planning Board
432 Route 306
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Tax Data: 41.10-2-3

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

Map Date: 5/7/2019

Date Review Received: 6/6/2019

Item: *CONGREGATION DERECH EMES - 34 WILDER ROAD (Whi-126G)*

A site plan and special permit application to construct a Neighborhood Gathering facility on 0.92 acres in the R-35 zoning district. An existing residence is to be demolished. The new 4,914 square foot structure will have one-story plus a basement. Variances are required for side yard, impervious surface ratio, and front yard impervious surface ratio.

The eastern side of Wilder Road, approximately 265 feet north of Carter Lane

Reason for Referral:

Wilder Lane (CR 81)

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 County of Rockland Department of Highways and all required permits obtained from them.
- 2 The applicant must comply with all comments made by the Rockland County Department of Health in their letter of June 20, 2019.
- 3 The applicant must comply with all comments made by the Rockland County Sewer District No. 1 in their letter of June 13, 2019.
- 4 A review must be completed by the Rockland County Office of Fire and Emergency Services, the Village of Wesley Hills Fire Inspector, or the Monsey Fire District to ensure that there is sufficient maneuverability on site for fire trucks, in the event an emergency arises.

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- 5 To help reduce the extent of the impervious surface ratio variances required for the site, pervious pavers and/or other materials must be used wherever possible.
- 6 Prior to the start of construction or grading, all soil and erosion control measures must be in place for the site. These measures must meet the latest edition (November 2016) of the New York State Standards for Urban Erosion and Sediment Control.
- 7 There shall be no net increase in the peak rate of discharge from the site at all design points.
- 8 Water is a scarce resource in Rockland County; thus proper planning and phasing of this project are critical to supplying the current and future residents of the Villages, Towns, and County with an adequate supply of water. A letter from the public water supplier, stamped and signed by a NYS licensed professional engineer, shall be issued to the municipality, certifying that there will be a sufficient water supply during peak demand periods and in a drought situation.
- 9 If any public water supply improvements are required, engineering plans and specifications for these improvements shall be reviewed by the Rockland County Department of Health prior to construction. In order to complete an application for approval of plans for public water supply improvements, the water supplier must supply an engineer's report pursuant to the "Recommended Standards for Water Works, 2003 Edition," that certifies their ability to serve the proposed project while meeting the criteria contained within the Recommended Standards for Water Works. These standards are adopted in their entirety in 10 NYCRR, Subpart 5-1, the New York State regulations governing public water systems. Further, both the application and supporting engineer's report must be signed and stamped by a NYS licensed professional engineer and shall be accompanied by a completed NYS Department of Health Form 348, which must be signed by the public water supplier.
- 10 Public sewer mains requiring extensions within a right-of-way or an easement shall be reviewed and approved by the Rockland County Department of Health prior to construction.
- 11 The landscaping plan must be amended to add a buffer along the northern property line to screen the entrance ramp area from the neighboring property.
- 12 The proposed sidewalk must extend to the front property line.
- 13 The lighting plan shall be amended so that the intensity of the candle lumens is less than 0.1 at the property line.
- 14 The map notes shall include district information.
- 15 The Village shall be satisfied that the proposal complies with the general standards for special permit uses outlined in Section 230-22, as well as the specific standards for Neighborhood Gatherings outlined in Section 230-26.G.
- 16 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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17 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
Rockland County Office of Fire and Emergency Services
Rockland County Department of Highways
Rockland County Sewer District #1
Monsey Fire District
Maser Consulting P.A.

**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.

