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To: Supervisor Susanne Donnelly and the Ossining Town Board

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Subject: **Report Regarding Five Local Laws**

The Planning Board has reviewed the five local laws which the Town Board is currently entertaining and renders this report for the Town Board's consideration. The Planning Board recommends that the Town Board adopt the five local laws after due process. The Planning Board also renders the following comments regarding the local laws.

Local Law 6 of the Year 2015

With respect to Section 183-13.C, if a public tree is removed, the remover should not be allowed to replace the tree with a tree which is listed on the New York State Prohibited or Regulated Invasive Species List.

Local Law 7 of the Year 2015

1. With respect to the delineation of wetlands, the term "growing season" should be defined.
2. In the definition of the term "wetland" there should not be a minimum size threshold.
3. In Section 105-8.B(4) which states that, "All proposed culverts and dams meet the guidelines of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for the migration of aquatic wildlife, if applicable," *modifications* to culverts and dams should also meet these guidelines.

Findings with Respect to Section 200-52.A(1) of the Zoning Law

The Planning Board has reviewed the proposed amendments to the Zoning Law and renders the following findings:

1. The proposed amendments are consistent with the aims and principles embodied in the Zoning Law as to the particular districts concerned.
2. The proposed amendments to the Zoning Law are Town-wide and will affect all future subdivisions in the Town by means of being more environmentally protective with respect to the lots created in said subdivisions.
3. The Planning Board does not envision indirect implications of the proposed amendments on other Town regulations.
4. The proposed amendments are consistent with the aims of the Town's Comprehensive Plan and with the proposed update to the Comprehensive Plan.

The Planning would be happy to elaborate upon any aspect of this memorandum should the Town Board so desire.

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