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### **Voice your opinion about lawsuit**

The Rivendell Winery is back with a conspiracy lawsuit and they are once again attempting to get the Ulster County Legislature to approve their application for an agricultural district. If they are granted approval, they may be able to override the Town of New Paltz's oversight and regulations.

So if you oppose Rivendell moving to Albany Post Road and Route 299 because the New Paltz Zoning Board denied their application as commercial in nature and the State of New York Supreme Court upheld this decision -- because the location proposed is a pristine viewshed that should remain unspoiled and because a major highway is an inappropriate entranceway for cars driven by recent wine bar consumers -- then here's what you can do. Come to the public hearing on June 10 of the Ulster County Legislature, 7 p.m. on the 6th floor and make your opinion known. Aside from wasting your money on this frivolous lawsuit, the winery is attempting to bypass your local rights to plan for your community. The Ulster County Legislature, in its good judgement, did not approve Rivendell's application last year and I encourage you to write or come to the meeting to voice your strong opposition. Let's finally be done with this ill-conceived proposal.

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