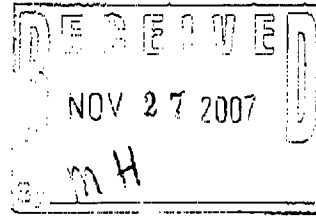


November 21, 2007

New Paltz ZBA
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New Paltz, NY 12561



Dear ZBA members,

We are writing to document opposition to the relocation of the Rivendell Winery to 507 Albany Post Road. We have both appeared before the board when the matter first came to public attention, and could not attend the most recent public hearing. While we don't wish to disrupt the success of a local business that brings appreciated tourism to our area, we cannot abide this proposed use.

We will reiterate our very clear and strong concerns regarding the safety issues that would be part of any commercial use at that location. We have seen and nearly been a part of too many traffic accidents at the intersection of route 299 and Albany Post Road. Please recall that people have died at that intersection, and that not long ago a truck had turned over. Needless to say, we do not believe that the area can safely sustain the additional business traffic and impact of any alcohol use.

Secondary issues are that we are not in support of the disruption to our bucolic and scenic area – noise generated by functions as advertised by the owners of Rivendell will be detrimental to our quality of life, particularly on weekends. It appears as if the Rivendell owners have acted out of arrogance in advertising their move to the proposed location prior to obtaining necessary approvals and support of their community. In our opinion, that is not the way to do business in New Paltz.

Thank you for your time in considering our views,

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