

Town of Torrey Zoning Board of Appeals

Public Hearing April 4, 2011

Application 07-11 of Grace Mirchandani, of 701 Route 14, for a special use permit to operate a small farm winery in an Ag/ Res District.

Present: Chairman James Cougevan, VC-Tony Cannizzaro, Martina Gibson, Patrick Hoke, Chris Hansen.

Others present: Betty Daggett, Grace Mirchandani, Scott Osborne, Kathy & Paul Donaldson, Ron Kenville

Chairman Cougevan opened the public hearing at 7:09 PM. He asked the secretary to note all members present.

Ms. Mirchandani presented receipts of notification of the following property owners Fox Run Vineyard, Peter Spinelli & Harriet Polyzoos, John Hill, John Halfman, Richard Nelson, Nelson Trust, Christopher Ruthven, Robert Feltz, Esther Fuller, Wallace Newcomb, Richard Kircher

Chairman Cougevan read the recommendation dated March 21st from the Yates Country Planning Board, approving this action. [attached]

The Chairman read the recommendations of the Torrey Planning Board dated March 23rd to approve Ms. Grace Mirchandani's application # 07-11

Ms. Mirchandani was asked to present her case. She would like to operate a small farm winery eventually but for now have a tasting room. She stated the juice would come from Cayuga Lake for now until they begin their winery.

They plan on planting 1 ½ acres of grapes this spring below their property.

The winery name Monello is for her children and this project is for their future.

Mr. Scott Osborne, of 670 Route 14 supports this application. He stated his concern of that traffic volume. He suggested contacting the NYS Department of Transportation in regards to signage warning travelers of the additional traffic flow entering and exiting Route 14 in this area.

There were none to speak in opposition of the proposed special use permit.

With no further questions or discussions, the Chairman Cougevan made motion to close the public hearing, seconded Mr. Hansen, carried at 7:14 PM.

Mrs. Mirchandani thanked board members and audience for their time and consideration to her application.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty M. Daggett
Secretary