

Coons plan to subdivide Red Hook dairy farm for soil mine, home

The Red Hook Planning Board gave sketch endorsement to a plan to subdivide 40 acres from Irving Fraleigh's dairy farm on Route 199, one of only three dairy farms left in Red Hook.

Arvine "Bucky" Coon, former mayor of the Village of Red Hook, and his wife, Cindy, said they plan to buy the parcel, mine enough soil to create a pond and eventually build a barn and house for a residence and mini-farm.

The Coons have applied for a special permit from the Red Hook Zoning Board of Appeals in order to mine the soil, which they say they intend to sell. The hearing was scheduled for Wednesday, after the Gazette went to

press.

The Coons also have applied for a mining permit from the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

Mining permits are granted for a limited number of years and must include plans to reclaim the land mined. In this case, the reclamation most likely would be the creation of the pond.

The parcel is located on the south side of Route 199 and is bordered on the west by the Saw Kill Creek. The wooded parcel is the site of an old gravel pit. Fraleigh farms 200 acres on both sides of Route 199.