

RED HOOK

Questions raised about proposed inn, horse center

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A proposal for a new inn and equestrian center off NYS Route 199 and Crestwood Road, two miles east of Red Hook ran into procedural problems during a public hearing before the Planning Board Monday.

There continues to be positive sentiment for the plan of Sam and Arleen Harkins to convert 88 acres of the former Fraleigh Farm into the Sunset Crest Manor Inn and Equestrian Center.

However, there was misunderstanding over whether or not the inn would serve the public in addition to private guests and whether or not the public hearing was for a

in addition to the inn.

Glenn Brent of Brent Engineering, who represented the applicants, said that public dining was a permitted use under the inn designation and asked the board to grant at least conditional use approval so work could commence inside the existing brick Victorian home.

But Marcella Appell, the Planning Board chair, said that the restaurant usage required separate approval and that it was her understanding that the applicants only sought approval of the private inn. She also said that the proposal required Dutchess County Planning review and, therefore, adjourned the public hearing and tabled any action by the board.