

BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicant: George Wolner

Address: 1641 State Route 9
Sedro Woolley, WA 98284

File No: C/U Open Space Land App#5-2019

Request: To transfer 16.16 acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Land

Location: Government Lot 3 and NE1/4SW1/4 Sec. 7, T36N, R5E, W.M., lying easterly of State Highway and westerly of Samish River and also except the north 480 feet thereof, except one acre portion for homesite.

Assessor's No: Portion of P50895

Public Hearing: After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on June 26, 2019.

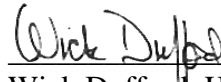
Recommendation: Approval

FINDINGS

1. George Wolner seeks to transfer 16.16 acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Land. He is the owner of the property.
2. The property is Government Lot 3 and NE1/4SW1/4 Sec. 7, T36N, R5E, W.M., lying easterly of State Highway and westerly of the Samish River and also except the north 480 feet thereof, except one acre portion for homesite.
3. The applicant is to be allowed to maintain a 10-foot path for access and maintenance of his well located in the southwest portion of the property. There is a recorded easement that allows for maintenance of land under Bonneville Power easements.
4. The new classification would preserve visual quality along the highway and scenic vistas.
5. The hearing was held after due notice. Submitted exhibits were admitted. There was no public testimony and there were no written comments.
6. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought.
7. The Staff recommends approval. The Examiner concurs with Staff.

RECOMMENDATION

The Examiner recommends approval of the application.



Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: July 12, 2019

Copies transmitted to Applicant, Assessor's Office and County Commissioners: July 12, 2019

Attachment: Staff Report and Exhibits