

BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicant: Charles and Joni Bulfinch

Address: 13079 Satterlee Road
Anacortes, WA 98221

File No: CU Open Space Land App#1-2018

Request: To transfer 8.4 acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Land

Location: Portion of NW1/4 Sec. 9, T34N, R2E, W.M.

Assessor's No: P20232

Public Hearing: After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on March 14, 2018.

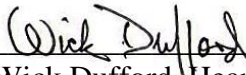
Recommendation: Approval

FINDINGS

1. The Charles and Joni Bulfinch seek to transfer 8.4 acres of land from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Land. The applicants own the property.
- 2 The property is a portion of the S1/2NE1/4 NW1/4 and the north two-acres of SE1/4NW1/4 Sec. 9., T34N, R2E, W.M. The parcel numbers are: portion of P20232 and portion of P20234.
3. The land does not now meet the income requirements for the Farm and Agriculture classification.
4. The property consists of open fields east of Satterlee Road and forested areas. P20234 has a residence and outbuildings.
5. The new classification will conserve natural and scenic resources, enhance the value of neighboring open spaces, and preserve visual quality along the road corridor.
6. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony and there were no written comments.
7. The Examiner admitted the exhibits submitted by Staff.
8. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought.
9. The Staff recommends approval. The Examiner concurs with Staff.

RECOMMENDATION

The Examiner recommends approval of the application.



Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: March 26, 2018

Copies transmitted to Applicant, Assessor's Office and County Commissioners: March 26, 2018

Attachment: Staff Report and Exhibits