

12/2/15 8:00pm Hearing opened for ANRAD Application from Goddard Consulting for land abutting Main Street and Erickson Road. The site will be prepared for installation of a solar farm. Tim, Cathy and Roberta accompanied Jordan Belknap from Lodestar Energy and Nicole Hayes and Mark Arnold from Goddard Consulting, LLC. This is a continuation of the hearing originally opened on 11/18/15 and continued without any presentation.

The hearing was continued to allow for additional site work to be done. The side work was to identify the bounds of a wetland near the boundary with Terkanian. From those bounds it will be possible to perform calculations to find the size of the watershed and the size of the wetland to determine if it is capable of holding a ¼ acre foot of water at any time during the year (for 2 weeks or more) and possible to acquire that much water. This would decide if the area is jurisdictional.

The Commission also requested a review of the watershed for the 2 streams that run through the property to have better information to base a determination of perennial vs. intermittent. 4 days of non-flow during a drought is not sufficient.

The property owned by Sunny Meadows has an OOC and so is being removed from the ANRAD. The former wetland bounds stand.

The wetland area is 18,000 sq ft. Qtr acre is 10,000 sq ft. Drops 12 ft over more than 300 ft length. States that this cannot hold 6 inches of water.

Stream stats on 1st stream shows ¼ sq mile of watershed. Says a perennial needs ½ sq mile required. 2nd stream has 1/3 sq mile. Have documented no flow during 4 days. They are standing on their contention that these are intermittent streams.

The Commission feels that they have not taken the drought conditions into consideration. Also feel that they have not identified the wetland correctly.

Gave us new plans for the areas of the plans that have been changed – for the flagging of the wetland area.

The Commission discussed the possibility of getting a peer review. Jim Wiswell, who showed up at the last hearing date, did not show up tonight. He might have local knowledge about the streams and whether they might be considered perennial.

Hearing continued to Dec 16, 2015 @8:00pm.

