

Organization Town of Champion

Board Planning Board

Date and Time Tuesday, May 13 2003 at 7:30 PM

Place Town of Champion Offices Board Room (rear of building) 10 N Broad St, West Carthage NY

Contact [Peter LaBarge](#) Planning Board Chairman

Minutes

The Town of Champion Planning Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Peter LaBarge. Attending were members James Surace, Frank Koster, Frances Brooks, and Kathryn Smith., as well as Zoning Enforcement Officer Brian Phelps, Supervisor Terry Buckley and Councilman Henry Watkins..

The minutes from the meeting March 25, 2003, were read. Peter LaBarge made a motion to accept the minutes. Jim Surace seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The minutes from the April 8, 2003 meeting were read. Jim Surace made the motion to accept the minutes and Frank Koster seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

James Faunce appeared before the board with Nicki Converse explaining that he had sold her a piece of property that had previously be used as a barber shop and because it was continuing as a barber shop, was unaware that any approval from the planning board would be required. Miss Converse was provided with an application for a site plan review and environmental assessment. She will submit the application along with a receipt from the town clerk at the board's next meeting.

Brad Smith submitted an application for site plan approval on behalf of his wife, Maureen Smith, for the operation of an alteration shop to be located on Route 26 in Great Bend, NY. He explained that his wife is ill and he has power of attorney to act on her behalf. He was accompanied by Nancy Campany, a long time employee of Mrs. Smith, who will spearhead the opening of the shop. She explained that their business was previously located on Fort Drum however, they lost the contract. They leased the former tattoo parlor and started to repair and remodel. When they called to have the water turned on, they were advised about the need for a permit. They have leased 437' in the front with the back being used for storage by owner Christine Adams. The back is also going to be emptied. The business will have not more than four employees. There was discussion about signage and parking. Ms. Campany explained that at times 10 or more customers could be waiting. While there is an existing parking lot, the cars must be kept on their property. Mr. Smith was going to contact the county codes office for assistance and provide the planning board with a survey. They will pay the required fee to the town clerk and provide a receipt at the next meeting.

Kathryn Smith made a motion to hold a public hearing on the site plan review application and Frances Brooks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 27, 2003.

Matt Johnson, a planner with the Tug Hill Commission, and Kathleen Riches-Amyot, RACOG circuit rider, explained that the sewer board, at its February meeting, felt that the town was in a position to initiate and start the work process on the development of the route 3 corridor. Members were provided with a draft of the RACOG subdivision Controls Project dated 27 February 2003; a draft of the Black River Corridor Design Initiative Goals, Objectives, Policies, dated 12 February 2003, and a Town of Champion - Development Controls Review Work Program, dated 13 May 2003. Because other communities would like to be a part of the process both for input and education, it was decided that the second meeting of each month would be dedicated to this project. Work on this project will begin at the June 24 meeting.

The board was advised the proposed road maintenance agreement for the proposed minor subdivision on Montana Drive had not been received. Frances Brooks made a motion to deny the subdivision application Peter LaBarge seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote. Voting to approve the motion were: Frances Brooks, Peter LaBarge, Kathryn Smith, Frank Koster and James Surace. There were no dissenting votes.

CCS student, Katie Bezanilla, attended the meeting as part of her Participation in Government class requirements.

Jim Surace made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Kathryn Smith seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held May 27, 2003.

Kathryn Smith
Secretary

