

Organization	Town of Champion
Board	Planning Board
Date and Time	Tuesday, August 24 2004 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, Kathryn Smith, Frank Koster, Frances Brooks and Town Supervisor Terry Buckley.

The minutes from the meeting August 10, 2004, were read. Peter LaBarge made a motion to accept the minutes and Frances Brooks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The creation of a new Hamlet Zone for the Great Bend area was discussed. Chairman LaBarge explained that a new business zone would be created but all of the uses contained in the current business zone would not be allowed. He expressed the need for larger frontages on State Route 3 to minimize road cuts but to allow smaller frontages within developments if a road was constructed. Mrs. Brooks expressed the need for something for the teens, like a bike path, so they would not be riding on Routes 3 and 26. Supervisor Buckley explained that the bike path was going to be extended from Black River. Mrs. Brooks also noted repair work that needs to be completed on the Episcopal Church and school by the historical society. Supervisor Buckley advised that he would have the zoning enforcement officer check on these properties.

Frank Koster inquired as to whether windmill farms were in the future for the Town of Champion. Supervisor Buckley advised that he has had visits from two different companies; however, after advising them that their will be no PILOT programs, he doubts they are interested. He assured the board that any such project will not bypass the planning board.

Mr. Koster also inquired as to the ownership of property listed for sale that has three new driveways on the Switzer Road. He was advised that the property belonged to the LaFontaine family.

Steve Henri, who had previously submitted an application for site plan approval for a self-storage facility at the intersection of County Route 47 and State Route 26, submitted two copies of a plat, a drawing detailing the location of the storage facilities, a description of the planned signage and five photos of the property.

Peter LaBarge made the motion to accept the application and schedule a public hearing. Jim Surace seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m., September 28, 2004. A motion to accept the negative declaration on the environmental assessment was made by Frances Brooks and seconded by Peter LaBarge. It was explained to Mr. Henri that even though the public hearing was going to be held, the final determination would not be made until a recommendation had been received from the Jefferson County Planning Department which would most likely be the first part of October.

Frank Koster made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Surace seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next meeting will be September 14, 2004.