

Organization Town of Champion

Board Planning Board

Date and Time Tuesday, July 11 2006 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 7:40 p.m. by Chairman Peter LaBarge. Attending were members Frances Brooks, James Surace, Frank Koster and Kathryn Smith. Also in attendance were Town Supervisor Terry Buckley and Town Clerk Christina Vargulick.

Frances Brooks made a motion seconded by Kathryn Smith to accept the June 20, 2006, minutes as presented. Mrs. Brooks also made a motion to accept the June 27 minutes. That motion was seconded by James Surace. Both motions passed unanimously.

James Uhlinger advised that he had neglected to file the plats for the subdivision that was originally approved October 11, 2005, for Black Ink Enterprise. Chairman LaBarge re-stamped the plats, per request, so filing with the County Clerk could be accomplished.

A motion to hold a public hearing for the construction of a stable and arena for training and horseback riding on NYS Rte 12 by Douglas Hebert was made by Chairman LaBarge and seconded by Frank Koster. A motion to accept the negative declaration on the environmental assessment was made by Frances Brooks and seconded by Kathryn Smith. Both motions passed unanimously. The public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m., July 25, 2006.

The site plan application for the operation of an auto repair/towing business on State Route 3 by John Bruce and Karen Bruce was reviewed together with the recommendations by the county planning department. On a motion by Frances Brooks and seconded by James Surace, it was unanimously decided to contact Karen Bruce and John Bruce by mail and request their attendance at the next meeting to clarify some concerns of the board.

Representatives from Fort Drum, namely, David Cutter, Lt. Col Robert Blank, US Army National Guard, and A. Joe White, Chief, Aviation Division, air tower control, provided input regarding the construction of wind towers within the town with respect to their impact, if any, on air traffic at the base. Col Blank, who manages the airspace, explained that most of Champion does not present a problem with most activity within the town at 6000'. He explained that the F 16's can fly @ 500' with some aircraft lower in the Harrisville-Natural Bridge area, not within the towns boundary. Some problems have been experienced by the pilots with lighting interfering with night vision goggles.

Mr. White explained the new digital air surveillance radar system which should be in effect later this year. The new system, ASR-11, will be more sensitive. He explained that telecommunications towers, TV towers, etc., because they are stationary, can be programmed into the system. Wind towers, depending on their proximity to the base, approximately 4 to 7 miles, or possibly as much as 10 miles, could adversely impact air traffic. Mr. White told the board of a wind tower project that had been planned for the base and ultimately scrapped due to its interference with their radar.

He explained that the FAA's Part 77 regulations deals with obstructions and asks for his input. When specific locations are identified, he will be willing to assist. A man identified only as Mr. Reed, who lives in Lewis County and has acreage within the town, accused the board of trying to find ways to ban the towers.

Frank Koster made a motion seconded by Peter LaBarge to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Smith
Secretary