

Organization Town of Champion

Board Planning Board

Date and Time Tuesday, August 28 2007 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

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The Town of Champion Planning Board met in regular session on Tuesday, August 28, 2007 at 7:30pm at the Town Municipal Building, 10 N Broad St., West Carthage. Present were Chairman LaBarge, members F. Brooks, and J. Surace. F. Koster and K. Smith were excused from the meeting.

Chairman LaBarge called the meeting to order.

Old Business

- Herbert Freeman submitted a SEQR full environmental assessment form in reference to his application to construct a forty (40) foot wind test tower at 34411 S. Lake Road. Mr. Freeman also submitted a plat illustrating the proposed location of the tower. Members questioned the distance that the tower is from existing structures. The applicant's contractor, Bill Alexander, explained that the setback is mandated by NYSERDA to receive incentives. J. Surace advised the applicant that he would have to acquire the additional acreage required to meet town setbacks based on the location of the proposed tower. Members suggested that the applicant request a lot line adjustment since the affected parcel is not greater than one acre. Mr. Alexander submitted information about the model of wind tower that would be constructed pending the outcome of the wind tests. In response to an inquiry, Mr. Alexander stated that the test tower would be up for 90 days or less. The action meets the criteria for a 239-M review by the County Planning Board. The Chairman directed the acting secretary to forward information to the County to facilitate the review.
- James Uhlinger, Sr. resubmitted a plat to subdivide parcel no. 76.00-2-42 creating one building lot in addition to the original parcel. Frontage for both parcels is sufficient. The Board accepted the application and completed SEQR short form. Motion by J. Surace, seconded by F. Brooks to schedule a public hearing for September 11, 2007 at 7:30pm. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Motion carried. Chairman LaBarge requested that Mr. Uhlinger submit a letter from the property owner to act on his behalf.
- Board members remarked on items that need to be addressed in reference to the application by the Carthage Mennonite Church to construct a new church on County Route 45. The Board requested information on the following: signage (max. 8sq ft); exterior lighting; landscaping; on-site drainage and drainage impact on neighboring properties. Church representatives inquired about a driveway permit. The applicants were advised that they would be eligible to apply for a zoning permit and Jefferson County Highway permit pending approval of the site plan.

New Business

- Harold Keefer, 22286 Austin Road, submitted an application to construct a sixty-three (63) foot minor wind tower to produce on-site power (off grid). Mr. Keefer presented a plat with hand drawn amendments to the tower location. Chairman LaBarge advised the applicant that an unaltered copy of the plat would be required prior to Board action. Chairman LaBarge requested that the applicant complete and submit Part I of the SEQR full environmental assessment form and an engineering report in regards to the structural capacity of the tower.

Dave Koster, ZEO, reported on enforcement activities throughout the Town.

Motion by P. LaBarge, seconded by J. Surace to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8.24pm. The next meeting of the Planning Board is scheduled for September 11, 2007.

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Acting Secretary