

Organization Town of Champion

Board Planning Board

Date and Time Tuesday, September 25 2012 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 7:25 p.m., by Chairman LaBarge. Present were members Frances Brooks, Kathryn Smith, James Surace and Steve Eddy.

A motion to accept the minutes as presented from the September 11, 2012, meeting was made by Chairman LaBarge and seconded by James Surace. The motion passed unanimously.

Dennis Burgess presented an application for a minor subdivision of approximately 76 (+ -) acres on the North Lake Road. Mr. Burgess explained that Lot D is being subdivided from acreage on the opposite side of the road. Lots identified at A, B and C were previously sold as one lot and subdivided by the purchaser. Surveyor Patsy Storino did not believe that he would need a mylar but would provide one should the need arise. Chairman LaBarge made a motion, seconded by Frances Brooks, to hold a public hearing. A motion to accept the negative declaration on the environmental assessment was made by Steve Eddy and seconded by Frances Brooks. Both motions passed unanimously. The public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 9, 2012.

Michael Richardson, Fort Drum Community Planning Specialist, advised that his office is planning an outreach program in conjunction with the Army Comprehensive Use Program. Property owners with 100+ acres would be invited to the meeting where various professionals would be explaining the easement program designed to stop large scale development, mainly wind towers. It was suggested that he contact the town clerk for the availability of the town's meeting room.

The proposed draft of the local law regulating gas drilling was reviewed with the following changes noted:

1. Section 405 - Drilling would be permitted only in the Industrial District; not in the Agricultural District.
2. Section 535:
 1. Disposal of fracking fluids.....disposal: Add: all disposal will be in accordance with NYS DEC regulations.
 2. Require a bond or cash bond for the actual repair.....equipment.
 4. Identify the towns near the town of Champion.
- Add: 7. All drilling will be done in accordance with State and Federal Regulations.

Chairman LaBarge noted that the Town of Champion is the only town working on gas drilling regulations and it should be called gas drilling rather than hydro-fracking. He also advised that we can tell them where to drill but not how.

Chairman LaBarge made a motion seconded by Frances Brooks to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Smith,
Secretary