

**Organization** Town of Champion

**Board** Planning Board

**Date and Time** Tuesday, January 13 2015 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 meeting was called to order at 7:28 p.m., by Chairman Peter LaBarge. Present were members James Surace, Frances Brooks, Frederick Metzger and Kathryn Smith.

Chairman LaBarge made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the meeting held December 9, 2014 and accept them as presented. Frances Brooks seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

A public hearing on the proposal for the operation of a pre-K school by the City of Refuge Church, Great Bend, NY, was held. Pastor Swearinger stated he was for the project; no one spoke in opposition. Chairman LaBarge made a motion, seconded by Frances Brooks to approve the site plan. The motion passed unanimously.

Chad Fowler, Saratoga Springs, NY, representing Stewart's Shop Corporation, addressed the board regarding the need for a 9'6" x 8' addition on the back of the building at their Great Bend location. The addition will be added cooler space, freezer and some storage. It will have no openings and a rubber roof. A shed on the property will be removed and two compressors will be moved from the property line. He explained that the addition will be 8'7" from the property line, necessitating a variance of 1.3'. Mr. Fowler explained that he will be talking with the neighbors regarding the variance. A motion to forward a favorable recommendation to the ZBA was made by Chairman LaBarge and seconded by James Surace. The motion passed unanimously. He was instructed to contact the Town Clerk for an application for the variance. The site plan review application will be forwarded to Jefferson County Planning under Section 239-m of the General Municipal Law.

A letter from Young/Sommer LLC, regarding the proposed cellular tower on Bach Road and the need for an area variance was received. Additional information with plats is anticipated.

Several years ago the Great Bend Fire Department sold a building to Pemco and recently bought the building back. Because there was a change of use from Pemco, a site plan review is required. Technically, a site plan for a change of use should have been completed when the building was originally sold to Pemco.

Chairman LaBarge made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Frederick Metzger. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m. The next meeting has been tentatively scheduled for January 27, 2015.

Respectfully submitted  
Kathryn Smith  
Secretary