

**Organization** Town of Champion

**Board** Planning Board

**Date and Time** Tuesday, February 10 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 7:27 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 January 27, 2015 and accept them as presented. James Surace seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

A public hearing for a site plan review for the Stewart's Shop, in the hamlet of Great Bend, was held. The corporation plans a small addition to the rear of the building to house a walk-in cooler/freezer that meets the setback regulations. No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the plan. A motion to approve the site plan was made by James Surace; seconded by Frederick Metzger and passed unanimously.

OWN Energy representatives, Jerry Wichelns and PJ Saliterman, advised the board that seven properties are within the 1,000' setback and are in the process of securing waivers from each property owner. They have visited six of the property owners; have signed waiver agreement with five; one is located in Virginia and is being signed; the seventh is in the military and his whereabouts are unknown at this time. Mr. Saliterman stated that our law has no mention of waivers and their attorney is of the opinion that the board would have the authority to set these requirements aside. Chairman LaBarge will discuss this opinion with the town attorney.

Chairman LaBarge asked for the following documents to be presented at the next meeting of the board:

1. A list of all of the landowners in the Town of Champion who are within the 1,000' setback requirement;
2. A detailed map identifying the property, the property owner and distance from the centerline to the house/buildings;
3. A copy of each waiver signed by the property owner; and, a copy of any other agreements signed with each of the landowners.

An application for a site plan review for the Great Bend Fire District No. 1 was reviewed. Edward Olley, GYMO, appeared on behalf of the department as well as several fire department members. The department has purchased the neighboring building that they once owned and sold to another company. The purchaser made some changes to the building but it was never used. Since the department needs more space, they decided that it was more economical to purchase the building than to construct new. The building will be used primarily for storage of two emergency vehicles and office space. Plans are to install two overhead doors and replace some lighting. The parking area is paved, not lined, and can accommodate 77 vehicles..

They were instructed to pay the required fee to the town clerk. Their application and related documents will be forwarded to the Jefferson County Planning Department for review. A motion to hold a public meeting was made by Chairman LaBarge and seconded by James Surace. A motion to accept the negative declaration on the environments assessment was made by James Surace and seconded by Frances Brooks. Both motions passed unanimously. The public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday February 24, 2015.

Chairman LaBarge made a motion to adjourn the meeting. James Surace seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m. The next meeting will be held February 24, 2015.

Respectfully submitted  
Kathryn Smith  
Secretary