

**Organization** Town of Champion

**Board** Planning Board

**Date and Time** Tuesday, March 24 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 7:24 p.m., by Chairman Peter LaBarge. Present were members James Surace, Frances Brooks, Frederick Metzger and Kathryn Smith

Frances Brooks made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the meeting held March 10, 2015 and accept them as presented. James Surace seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Jerry Wichelns appeared on behalf of OWN Energy, advising that since the requested information had been submitted, they were anxious to proceed anticipating construction to being next spring. Mr. Wichelns felt if the board were to vote, they would be able to apply for variances. He advised that since the landowners do not see the transmission lines as a burden, they should be able to make that decision. Chairman LaBarge advised that the planning board does not approve waivers and cannot waive the zoning law.

Chairman LaBarge made a motion to recommend referral to the Zoning Board of Appeals; however, is not recommending approval of the variances. The motion was seconded by Frederick Metzger and passed unanimously.

The board reviewed the application for a site plan by Gerald Lacey, who plans to operate a motor vehicle repair, towing and sales operation at his home located in the hamlet of Great Bend. Due to the number of vehicles anticipated in each category, the board felt the number of autos would be excessive and decided to request Mr. Lacey attend the next meeting.

Chairman LaBarge made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Frederick Metzger seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The next meeting will be held April 14, 2015.

Respectfully submitted  
Kathryn Smith  
Secretary