

**Organization** Town of Champion

**Board** Planning Board

**Date and Time** Tuesday, January 27 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.

Frederick Metzger made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the meeting held January 13, 2015 and accept them as presented. James Surace seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Chad Fowler, Saratoga Springs, NY, representing Stewart's Shop Corporation, advised the board that the size of the addition had been changed which would meet the setback regulations and a variance would no longer be required from the ZBA and the compressors were going to be moved to the side of the building. A motion to hold a public hearing was made by James Surace and seconded by Frances Books and passed unanimously. The public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m., February 10, 2015.

Gerald Lacey submitted an application for a site plan review for the operation of a motor vehicle repair shop. He explained that it will be a small operation with one other employee. Plans are to use the 3-stall garage plus sell used cars, estimating about five cars on the lot. Mr. Lacey explained that he purchased the property with the understanding that it was zoned commercial. The board requested a drawing of the property outlining his plans. Mr. Lacey will provide more information at the board's next meeting. He was advised that it will be necessary for his plans to be reviewed by the Jefferson County Planning Board and a public hearing will be held. Mr. Lacey was provided a copy the Environmental Assessment to complete and return at the next meeting.

OWN Energy representative, Jerry Wichelns, advised the board that they had completed the required four season study on the Indiana Bats, and discussed the progress being made by OWN to obtain approvals from the various property owners to allow transmission lines to be placed closer to their residences than the Town of Champion Zoning Law required. Because residents on Switzer Road were uncooperative, plans are to set the transmission lines crossing the Lynn Murray farm and adjoining with the Marvin Micek property. He explained that approvals were still needed from two landowners, namely, Patricia Eddy and a Mr. O'Leary. He anticipates they will start construction in 2016. He was asked to provide a copy of the agreement signed by each landowner.

Chairman LaBarge made a motion to adjourn the meeting. James Surace seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m. The next meeting will be held February 10, 2015.

Respectfully submitted  
Kathryn Smith  
Secretary