

Organization Town of Champion

Board Planning Board

Date and Time Tuesday, May 12 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

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 and Kathryn Smith. Frederick Metzger was absent.

Frances Brooks made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the meeting held April 28, 2015 and accept them as presented. James Surace seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

David Brennan from the Young/Sommer LLC law firm, Albany, NY, representing Verizon Wireless for the proposed wireless communication tower on the Bach property, Bach Road, addressed the board regarding the various aspects of the proposed tower. He explained that the tower is 195', plus the 4' rod for a total of 199 feet. Since the zoning law stipulates the setback as the height plus 30' and it is 206' to the property line, a variance of 23 feet is required. He explained that if they reduced the height of the tower to meet the setback they would lose some of the area they were hoping to cover. He advised that FAA approval is not required since the tower is below 200 feet.

The environmental assessment was completed by the board with Mr. Brennan. Chairman LaBarge made a motion seconded by James Surace to accept the negative declaration on the environmental assessment. The motion passed unanimously.

The Town of Champion Planning board will be the lead agency on this project.

The board members agreed to recommend a variance be granted via the ZBA.

Mr. Brennan was advised that the project must be reviewed by the Jefferson County Planning Department in accordance with Section 239M of the General Municipal Law; that a bond in the amount of \$50,000 will be a condition of approval; information as to why co-location on the cell tower on the Line School Road cannot be accomplished; and that an application to the ZBA with payment of the \$100 fee is required. Their meeting will be held the first Wednesday in June.

Frederick and Kelly Brotherton submitted an application for the operation of an boarding-type home for four adult-care people. The applicant is listed as Mr. Brotherton; Mrs. Brotherton completed the application with the property owned by William Baker. Mr. Baker is Mrs. Brotherton's father and suffers from dementia, according to Mrs. Brotherton. The Brotherton's were advised that the application would have to be Mr. Baker's since he is the property owner. Mr. Brotherton told the board that their son is an attorney and he can get any information the board requires. He was asked to supply verification that approval from the State Department of Health is not required and to provide a detailed plat of the property.

Kathy Amyot advised of the training June 4 at JCC and that Phil Street would be the presenter.

Chairman LaBarge updated the board on various zoning activities since the last meeting.

Since the board meeting room will not be available for the regular May 26, 2015, meeting, the board opted to cancel the May 23 meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be June 9.

Chairman LaBarge made a motion to adjourn the meeting and James Surace seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Smith
Secretary