

PLAN COMMISSION DISCUSSES DRAFT VISIONS & HOUSING ELEMENT

On **Tuesday, June 10, 2003**, the Town of Winchester Plan Commission continued work on the Town's Comprehensive Plan. At the meeting, OMNNI Associates presented the **DRAFT Issues and Opportunities Chapter**, including 9 vision statements – one for each of the required plan elements:

1. Issues & Opportunities (Overall Vision)
2. Housing
3. Transportation
4. Utilities & Community Facilities
5. Agricultural, Natural & Cultural Resources
6. Economic Development
7. Land Use
8. Intergovernmental Cooperation
9. Implementation

Most of the meeting was spent reviewing and refining the visions. The purpose of the visions is to provide a framework and direction for the planning effort. They serve as a guide for understanding local priorities and expectations. A copy of the Draft Issues & Opportunities Element, including the draft visions, is posted to this web site.

Next, OMNNI presented a **Photo Assignment** to the Plan Commission. This assignment included two cameras to use to photograph areas of the Town. The photos are to illustrate local resources, assets and concerns related to the nine required plan elements. The film will be developed by OMNNI and presented at a meeting later this year. In addition, the photos will be included in the plan to illustrate important ideas.

Finally, OMNNI Associates presented the **DRAFT Housing Element**. Most of the initial information in this chapter inventories conditions based on data available from the U.S. Census and local observation. The Plan Commission was asked to pay particular attention to the DRAFT Goals, Objectives and Policies presented at the end of this chapter. The Plan Commission will be discussing this draft at their June 22, 2003 meeting. Discussion may also continue at the July 8, 2003 meeting. OMNNI will be back to discuss the comments and changes of the Plan Commission on July 22, 2003. A copy of this chapter is posted to this web site.

The next **Smart Growth Meeting with OMNNI will be on July 22, 2003 at 7pm**. At the meeting the DRAFT Housing and Transportation Elements will be discussed. All residents are encouraged to attend the meeting.

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