

PLAN COMMISSION RECEIVES DRAFT AGRICULTURAL, NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES ELEMENT

On **Tuesday, September 23, 2003**, the Town of Winchester Plan Commission got its first look at the Draft Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources Element. The Plan Commission will be reviewing the chapter over the next 4 meetings:

October 14
October 28
November 11
November 25

The Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources Element provides information about local farming operations and challenges, as well as, state and federal laws to support farmers. The chapter then discusses natural resources including: woodlands, wetlands, the Rat River Wildlife Area, rivers, endangered species, and much, much more. The Chapter concludes with a discussion of the Cultural Resources in the Town. This section includes information about the Winchester Area Historical Society.

During the meeting, Amy Emery of OMNNI Associates presented the draft chapter. She reviewed each page discussing where the data came from and how the section was put together. During the discussion the Plan Commission and residents in attendance asked some additional questions that Ms. Emery will be following up on. A copy of the chapter is posted on this web page.

The next **Smart Growth Meeting with OMNNI will be on October 28, 2003 at 7pm**. At the meeting the DRAFT Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources Element will continue to be discussed. All residents are encouraged to attend the meeting.

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