

## Little River Hosts First of Two Intergovernmental Meetings

One element of the Wisconsin “Smart Growth” Law requires that intergovernmental cooperation issues be addressed in a comprehensive plan. To begin to address this required element in the Town’s Comprehensive Plan, the Plan Committee hosted a meeting on March 29, 2001 to discuss its plan and the plans of other local agencies and governments.

The purpose of this meeting was to begin to coordinate the Draft Town of Little River Comprehensive Plan with the goals and objectives of these other local plans. This coordination is important in order to ensure, among other things, that proposed land uses at town boundaries do not conflict with the plans of surrounding communities. Representatives from the following governments/agencies were invited to discuss future plans for the area:

- Town of Oconto (*Oconto County*)
- Town of Lena (*Oconto County*)
- Town of Stiles (*Oconto County*)
- City of Oconto (*Oconto County*)
- Oconto County
- Marinette County
- Town of Peshtigo (*Marinette County*)
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- Wisconsin Department of Transportation
- Town of Grover (*Marinette County*)
- Town of Pound (*Marinette County*)
- Lena Public School District
- Oconto School District
- Peshtigo School District
- Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission
- UW-Extension, Oconto County
- UW-Extension, Marinette County

In addition to a number of Town of Little Plan Committee members, only representatives from the Town of Oconto, Town of Grover, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission were in attendance.

This collective “meeting of the minds” provided a good opportunity to discuss area growth, development, transportation, education, and other concerns. Everyone involved gained insight about the future of the area and issues that must be addressed. Among these issues are: agriculture land preservation, natural resources protection, subdivisions and development.

Over the next month, OMNNI will review the plans of the governments/agencies listed above and solicit their input about the Town of Little River DRAFT Land Use Plan. A second intergovernmental meeting will be held in May to share our findings. During the May meeting, the town would also like to begin to identify potential conflicts and develop strategies to address conflicts that may occur in the future.

If you have questions about this meeting, or if you would like additional information about the Town of Little River Comprehensive Plan, please call Bill Elman or Amy Emery 1-800-571-6677 or e-mail us at [belman@omni.com](mailto:belman@omni.com) or [aemery@omni.com](mailto:aemery@omni.com).

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