

## Planning Commission Considers Economic Development

Thursday, February 27, 2003

–The Town of Center Planning Commission continued work on the Town's Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan this month by focusing on Economic Development.

Prior to this month's meeting an invitation was mailed to all local businesses in the town. The mailing was based on addresses provided by Jake Jankowski, Town Clerk/Treasurer, from the tax role.

To begin this month's meeting, Amy Emery of OMNNI Associates (Town's Planning Consultant) presented an overview of the planning effort. During this presentation, she indicated that the town has been working for more than a year on its Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan. In that time, the town has developed DRAFT Visions, Values, and several chapters, including: Housing, Transportation, Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources, Utilities and Community Facilities, and a Community Profile based on U.S. Census Data.

After this overview, Ms. Emery presented the **DRAFT Economic Development Element** of the *Town of Center Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan*. This DRAFT chapter was developed by OMNNI as a starting point for the town. The chapter includes:

- A vision for economic development



- An inventory and description of current businesses in the town
- An assessment of strengths and weaknesses for attracting and retaining business and industry
- An discussion of environmentally contaminated sites
- A list of organizations promoting local economic development.
- A series of goals and objectives.

The next Smart Growth Meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2003 at 7:00 pm. At that meeting work will begin on the Land Use Element. All residents are encouraged to attend the meeting. The Planning Commission meets on the fourth Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall.

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