



**TOWN OF HARTFORD
SELECTBOARD SUBCOMMITTEE WORKSHOP
Direction Setting Document Wordsmithing Workshop
MINUTES**

Sunday, September 16, 2018
at 10:30 A.M.

Tuckerbox
1 South Main Street
White River Junction, Vermont 05001

Present: Kim Souza, Jamison Davis and Alan Johnson.

- I. Call to Order Selectboard Subcommittee Workshop at 10:45 A.M.**
- II. Order of Agenda**
- III. Workshop**
 1. Subcommittee Organization.
 2. Document Wordsmithing Workshop.

Hartford, Vermont Strategic Vision 2018-2023
Developed by Town of Hartford Selectboard
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The Town of Hartford, Vermont aspires to the following future for our community:

Equitable Opportunities

Hartford is a place where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

- Hartford attracts a diverse demographic through a balance of affordable housing, taxes, and services.
- Hartford has a strong community social safety net, that provides our residents with holistic healthcare and reduces stigma.
- We ensure all Hartford residents have equal access to services, employment, and programs.

Engaged and Welcoming Community

Hartford is a diverse, caring, engaged and inclusive community.

- Hartford has a culture of appreciation that stimulates community excellence in volunteers, board members, staff and citizens.

- Hartford has strong community engagement in the forms of a robust network of committees, high voter participation, and a strong culture of volunteerism.
- Hartford supports open community communication that ensures that voices will be heard and civility will be the norm.
- Hartford has both village pride and town unity.
- We have robust anti-discrimination policies and practices that result in Hartford's diverse community feeling comfortable, at home, and safe.

Strong and Stable Local Economy

Hartford is powered by an evolving culturally connected, four-season creative economy.

- Hartford has a healthy balance of commercial and industrial businesses and the arts.
- Hartford attracts small businesses which add character to the community area.
- The quality of life enhanced by a thriving local economy attracts visitors and new residents to Hartford.
- Hartford has a close-knit and symbiotic interaction between residential and commercial areas.

Visionary and Responsive Governance

Hartford has visionary, ethical, transparent and responsive government.

- Our leadership models supportive civic dialogue across differences of opinion and listens eagerly to public input.
- We encourage a diversity of voices, by making government more accessible.
- We practice fiscally responsible and transparent governance through our documents, meetings, and decision-making.

High Quality Learning Opportunities

Hartford has excellent and diverse learning opportunities for all ages.

- Hartford has relevant career opportunities and placement mentoring through Hartford's Career Center and continuing adult education programs.
- Hartford's excellent public, private, and volunteer-led educational opportunities attract participants from around the world.
- Hartford's life-long learning opportunities continually improve our natural, social, and professional environments.

Resilience

Hartford prepares and responds to emergent challenges.

- Hartford encourages a thorough training program [in what areas?] for administration, department heads and community leaders.
- We equip our departments to be prepared for natural disasters, such as hurricanes, floods and wildfires.

- We develop a plan for potential supply interruption for necessities such as food, water, electricity, medical supplies, fuel, communication, etc.

Environmental Sustainability

Hartford Values and protects our natural environment

- Hartford is a leader in the transition to renewable energy and reducing greenhouse emissions.
- Hartford protects our wildlife corridors, green spaces, forests, rivers, and other outdoor spaces.
- Hartford manages its waste stream responsibly.
- [add one more about future generations]

Functional Infrastructure

Hartford has a thoughtfully planned and well-maintained infrastructure.

- We prepare and follow a Capital Improvement Plan that prioritizes projects in response to the needs of the town.
- We prioritize public safety.
- We actively respond to emerging needs such as parking, broadband, high-speed internet, and distributive energy.
- We adequately fund and staff our departments in order to continually maintain and improve infrastructure.

3. Next Meeting Discussion.

VI. Close the Workshop at 11:58 A.M.

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