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Town of Brattleboro Invites Public Comment on Comprehensive Review of Town Operations (CRTO)

The Town of Brattleboro is reminding all residents that the draft Comprehensive Review of Town Operations (CRTO) document is posted on the Town's website and that everyone is welcome to provide input. The deadline for submitting comments and suggested changes is Friday, September 9. The revised draft will be considered at the Selectboard meeting on September 20 or October 4.

The draft CRTO contains an introductory letter from Town Manager Peter Elwell and 50 separate "action items" in categories ranging from "Already Accomplished" and "in Progress" to short term (0-2 years), medium term (2-5 years), and long term (more than 5 years) timeframes for implementation. The draft document was created by the Town's management team after it completed a thorough review of all Town services and support functions. The 50 action items represent small and large scale changes that staff is proposing to improve the community and/or save taxpayers money.

"We really look forward to receiving suggestions from the community about how we can strengthen this document," said Town Manager Elwell. "It will be updated from time-to-time in the future, but in between updates it will serve as a guide for the decisions we make and the actions we take in our continuing effort to improve Town government."

The draft document can be accessed by clicking on the CRTO link in the "News" section on the right side of the Town's website homepage at www.brattleboro.org. Residents also can request a hard copy by calling the Town Manager's Office at 802-251-8151. Comments can be submitted either via email to townmanager@brattleboro.org or by sending them in hard copy to the Town Manager's Office at 230 Main Street, Suite 208, Brattleboro, VT 05301.