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September 23, 2024

Valerie Capels, Town Administrator
Town of Bristol
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Bristol, VT 05443

RE: Downtown Designation Renewal for the Town of Bristol

Dear Ms. Capels:

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you that, at its meeting on September 23, 2024, the Community Investment Board (formally the Downtown Development Board) found the Town of Bristol's renewal application for the downtown designation met the statutory requirements ([24 VSA Chapter 76A](#)). This will be the last required renewal for the town as the designation program, and Bristol's existing designation, transition to the newly established program created this legislative session in [Act 181](#). Our team will check in with the municipality regularly to offer support, share updated information, tools, and resources related to the designation, and ensure our local contact information is up-to-date.

Please find below a few useful links to support your downtown revitalization efforts:

- [Downtown and Village Center Funding Directory](#) – A comprehensive list of state, federal and nonprofit funding sources.
- [Strong Communities Newsletter](#) – A quarterly newsletter from the Department of Housing and Community Development with news on new programs and grant opportunities. [Subscribe here.](#)
- [Vermont Planning Atlas](#) – An easy-to-use tool that provides access to commonly requested data, the status of local planning and regulations, designation boundaries, and more.
- [Vermont Planning Manual](#) – The Planning Manual offers up-to-date guidance on preparing municipal plans, as well as an overview of the state designation programs, and their benefits.

Please do not hesitate to call or email me if you have questions or need assistance.

Sincerely,

Alexander R. Farrell

Alex Farrell, Vermont Community Investment Board Chair
Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development

cc: Courtney Radford, Bristol CORE
Adam Lougee, Addison County Regional Planning Commission

