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*Agency of Commerce and
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September 27, 2021

[Seth Gardner](#), Selectboard Chair
Town of East Montpelier
40 Kelton Road
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RE: **Designation Renewal for East Montpelier Village Center**

Dear Mr. Gardner:

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you, at its meeting on September 27, 2021 the Downtown Development Board found East Montpelier's renewal application for the village center designation met the statutory requirements ([24 VSA Chapter 76A](#)). The designated village center will be eligible for [benefits](#) for the next eight years until September 2029. At that time, the Town of East Montpelier will need to renew its designation. The Department of Housing and Community Development will send out the renewal reminder six months prior to the renewal date. Our team will check-in with the municipality annually 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 village 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.
- [Neighborhood Development Area Designation](#) – An add-on housing designation program that helps reduce the time and cost of state permitting in areas within a ¼ mile walking distance of a designated village center.

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

Sincerely,



[Josh Hanford](#), Vermont Downtown Development Board Chair
Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development

cc: [Bruce Johnson](#), Town Administrator
[Zach Sullivan](#), Planning Commission Chair
[Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission](#) (via email)

Enclosures: Summary of the benefits for designated villages
Board-approved designated village center boundary map

