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I don't believe we have not met – but I work for Agency of Commerce and I manage the workgroup that supports/administers the state's downtown designation program. As you know, the downtown designation has brought millions in state and federal funds to Morrisville to support both public and private revitalization efforts.

Downtown designations must be renewed every 5 years to maintain the program's benefits. Morristown's renewal is due this November and over the summer my team has worked with town staff on their downtown renewal application. We received the town's draft renewal application (a lengthy document) in August and we offered a number of suggestions to improve the application and help assure the renewal goes smoothly.

Given the amount of effort it took to draft the renewal application, we were surprised to hear that the SB and Trustees voted to leave the local Regional Planning Commission and affiliate with NVDA. We were surprised because RPC confirmation of the town plan is required as part of the downtown renewal application and we did not see any viable way for Morristown to join NEVDA.

Last week, I reached out to your town manager to make sure he was aware that the Downton Board discussed this matter (draft meeting minutes [here](#)) and that he understood that the Board cannot renew Morristown's downtown designation without a regionally confirmed plan.

He has yet to respond to my email and I was hoping we could talk about this soon.

Thanks in advance for your time.

Chris

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Happy Fall. Hope you had a good summer.

Just wanted to let you know that at yesterday's downtown board meeting we talked about the SB/Trustees vote to leave LCPC and affiliate with NVDA – and the fact that this decision means Morristown's municipal plan is now not confirmed. As you know, regional confirmation of the municipal plan is required as a component of the downtown renewal application.

The town was notified this item was on the board's agenda (see below), but no representative of the town attended the meeting and I wanted to make sure you were in the loop.

I would appreciate it if we can discuss matter before the end of the week. Specifically, I would like to know if you have had a conversation with NVDA and if Morrisville's plan will be confirmed by the November 7 renewal application deadline.

Here is a [link](#) to the summary that was sent to the board. We will post the draft meeting minutes on line soon.

Thanks!

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Good Afternoon,

We look forward to seeing everyone on **Monday, September 26th at 1:00 – 4:00 pm** in the Calvin Coolidge Room, National Life Campus.

The Board packets went out in this morning's mail, if paper was requested. Otherwise, please see [the agenda](#) for details and supporting documents. Kindly let me know if you cannot attend Monday's meeting, or if you plan to participate electronically, so that we can be certain we have a quorum. If we do not hear from you in advance, we assume you will either participate electronically or attend in person.

Please note the address change for the Board webpage: <http://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/designation-programs/downtown-development-board>

To participate electronically:

Use the following updated link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/310672813>

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