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**TRENTON PLANS MEETING ON PROPOSED CONTRACT  
ZONING AMENDMENTS JUNE 19 at the TRENTON  
SCHOOL @ 7:00 PM**

The Trenton Contract Zoning Committee has drafted a zoning ordinance amendment based on the recommendation of the 2006 Trenton comprehensive plan, which called for giving residents a chance to vote on certain large-scale developments. The June 19 meeting will give residents a chance to learn about these amendments that will be voted upon on July 10 @ 7:00 PM at a special town meeting at the Trenton school. Copies of the amendments are available at the town office. The draft amendments may also be viewed on line at: <http://www.hcpcme.org/landuse/trenton/trentonplan.htm>

***What is contract zoning?***

A developer and the town agree to allow a use or operating conditions not normally allowed in the given zone. The town, in exchange for allowing this use, may require additional conditions of the developer that are not normally required. For example, if a developer requests to operate a supermarket in a zone where this use is not allowed, the town in turn may request that there be more landscaping, greater building setbacks and height restrictions that are not normally required of uses in that zone.

It would apply only to proposed uses in Trenton's Gateway, Rural Commercial and Rural Development zoning districts that exceed one acre of impervious surface. The planning board would, based on input from the public and consultants, negotiate the terms of the agreement. After review by the selectmen and a public hearing, the proposed zoning change would be submitted to a town meeting vote.