

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE  
Minutes for January 21, 2009



Committee Member	Present	Absent
Grant Benson Jr., Chairman		X
Alan Côté, DPW		X
Ed Garone, Derry Police	X	
George Klauber, Derry Fire Dept.	X	
Jane Simard, Derry School Dept.		X
Steve Wallack		X
Tom Caron	X	
Randall Chase	X	
Al Dimmock		X
Mike Houghton		X
Patti Doyle (School Dept Alt)		
George Feole (Police Alt)		
Jack Webb (Fire Alt)	X	
Mike Fowler (DPW Alt)	X	

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held Thursday, January 21, 2010 at the Derry Municipal Building Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am.

**Approval of Minutes**

The Committee made a motion to table the December 15, 2009 Minutes till the next meeting.

Motion Approved.

## OLD BUSINESS

## NEW BUSINESS

### **Peter Zohdi – Kendall Pd Rd @ Birch St - Plan Review – Safety Issues**

Peter Zohdi explained the scope of the project. He stated that the owners would like to see doctor's offices on the second floor and store fronts on the first floor. He did have a question regarding the size of the wetlands located across the back of the property. Currently the setbacks have been established with the belief that the wetlands were under an acre. The entrance/exit on Kendall Pond Rd and has been pushed as far back as possible from the intersection.

Chief Klauber questioned if any consideration was made to make the Kendall Pond Rd exit a "right turn only" exit.

Peter Zohdi stated that they have hired a company to do a traffic study and will forward the study results.

Randy Chase asked if they could align the entrance on Birch Street with the driveway of the Hess gas station across the street.

Mike Fowler agrees that aligning the driveways would be the way to go in reducing traffic issues.

Chief Klauber felt that the traffic cues were not bad in that area of Birch Street.

Chief Garone asked how close the exits were to the property lines.

Peter Zohdi stated that the exit on Kendall Pond Rd was currently in the wetlands buffer zone and would not want to push it any further into the wetlands area.

Chief Garone had a concern with traffic crossing two lanes of traffic on Birch Street.

Chief Klauber asked the developer to look at the Hess gas station traffic patterns and consider incorporating them to this site.

Peter Zohdi stated that he would come before the Committee again after the traffic study has been completed.

**Committee TABLED until the next meeting.**

## **Peter Zohdi – East Broadway @ Crescent St – Waters Edge**

Peter Zohdi explained the scope of the plan to the Committee. They have been to the Zoning Board and have been granted a Variance. This salon/spa has 14 parking lots and a few parking spots along the side for employees. He explained the scope of the drainage and how they plan to connect to the storm-water system. He stated that the main entrance would be off Crescent Street. They are proposing residential lighting to be installed on the property as to not affect the neighbors. We are still working on the site plan and wanted input from the Highway Safety Committee before finalizing the plan.

Mike Fowler felt the sight distance looking from Crescent St towards Route 28 was good but stated that there could be an issue going in the other direction. He wanted to know if they had looked at the sight distance.

Peter Zohdi stated that they have done a traffic study and would forward it to the DPW Office.

Jack Webb questioned if Crescent Street was wide enough.

Peter Zohdi stated that the actual street was 16 feet wide and the sidewalk is 4 feet wide for a total of 20 feet.

Jack Webb questioned if there been any consideration to make Crescent St a one-way from East Broadway?

Chief Klauber commented that making any road a one way is not looked upon fondly unless the entire area has been considered.

Chief Garone agreed that you really need to look at the entire area and not just one street at a time.

Chief Klauber felt this street was not in a heavy traffic zone, seeing that most of the traffic is during school hours. Normally motorists do not have issues enter/exiting from this street.

Chief Garone felt that making Crescent St a one-way would be creating issues.

Mike Fowler felt there was not a need to make any changes to this plan if the sight distance issues are met.

**Chief Klauber made a motion to approve Waters Edge Salon/Spa as presented.  
Seconded by Chief Garone.**

**MOTION APPROVED.**

**Joe Omogrosso – Drew Rd @ North Shore Rd – Stop sign request**

Randy Chase had a concern with placing a stop sign at this location seeing that there is a pretty steep hill.

Mike Fowler stated that this intersection under normal circumstances is not heavily traveled and would go back to normal after the State of NH construction on Island Pond Rd was completed. At this time the State estimates that the project will be completed in February 2010, weather permitting.

**Mike Fowler made a motion to DENY the request for a Stop Sign, due to the temporary construction situation and the topography of the road being such a steep downgrade.**

**Seconded by Chief Garone.**

**MOTION APPROVED.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Randy Chase – Florence St – On street/Overnight parking**

Randy Chase stated that Florence Street was very narrow during the winter and people are parking in the travel lane, facing the wrong way, making it difficult for two cars to pass. (Wrong way parking and overnight parking violation)

Chief Garone stated that he would have an officer look into it.

**Jack Webb – Traffic Light - Olsen Rd @ Hampstead Rd**

Jack Webb stated that he lives in Drew Woods and was asked to have the Committee consider installing a traffic light at Olsen @ Hampstead Rd intersection.

Mike Fowler stated that you would need to meet certain criteria in order to place a light at any intersection in Town and was pretty sure that this intersection would not meet the criteria.

Chief Garone asked if there was a sight dist issue.

Jack Webb stated that coming out of Olsen Rd is not great considering the topography of the road and it is worse during the winter.

Randy Chase agrees that the sight distance could be better.

**Chief Garone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 am.  
Seconded by Randy Chase**

**Motion Passed**

Next Meeting is Thursday – February 18, 2010

Respectfully,  
Sharon Trenholm, Recording Clerk