

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE
Minutes for May 20, 2010



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	
Vacant		
Mike Houghton	X	
Patti Doyle (School Dept Alt)	X	
George Feole (Police Alt)		
Mike Doyle (Fire Alt)		
Mike Fowler (DPW Alt)		

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held Thursday, May 20, 2010 at the Derry Municipal Building Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:07 am.

Approval of Minutes

Mike Houghton made a motion to accept the April 15, 2010 Minutes as written.

**Seconded by Mike Fowler
Motion Approved.**

OLD BUSINESS

Elections of Officers

**Randy Chase made a motion to nominate Tom Caron as Chairperson
Seconded by Steve Wallack
Motion Passed**

**Randy Chase made a motion to nominate Mike Houghton as Vice Chairperson.
Seconded by George Klauber
Motion Passed**

NEW BUSINESS

Melissa Aubette – Requesting Speed Bumps – Pierce Ave

Mr. Warren Flander and Mike Aubette were present at the meeting. Mr. Flander stated that teenagers are flying down the road. There is a sidewalk however the kids don't use them. They have spoken to the Police about the speeding. They would like to see 3 speed bumps place along the road.

Mike Fowler stated that Pierce Ave had high vehicle & foot traffic due to the park at the end of the street. He explained the Highway Department's would not support installing speed bumps. One concern with installing speed bumps is with plowing in the winter months. He also mentioned that the speed bumps cause icy road conditions due to water accumulating on the road. Residents in other communities have complaints that they are bottoming out as they go over the bumps.

George Klauber felt the best thing to do would be to set up a counter and get some stats on how fast and time of day motorists are traveling the road.

Mike Fowler stated that he would have the Department put out a counter the 1st week in June.

**George Klauber made a motion to table this discussion until the counter information can be reviewed.
Seconded by Mike Houghton
Motion Passed.**

Marianne Lister – Requesting Speed limit sign – Elm St

The Committee reviewed the letter Ms. Lister sent to the committee.

Mike Fowler stated that the road is a 30 mph road. He knew there was a “One Way” sign posted at the entrance of the road but wasn’t sure if a speed limit sign was also there. Generally the Town doesn’t place speed limit signs within the Downtown area.

George Klauber stated that the road was narrow and felt the traffic would have a difficult time speeding in this area of town.

Randy Chase agreed with George Klauber.

Mike Fowler made a motion to table the discussion to the next meeting in order to set out a traffic counter on Elm Street to determine the speeds in which traffic is going through in that area.

Seconded by Randy Chase.

Motion Passed.

George Klauber made the suggestion to obtain accident reports and schedule the traffic counts prior to the meetings, when possible.

OTHER BUSINESS

South Range School signage update

Mike Fowler wanted to get back to the committee regarding the South Range School signage request. After driving the area it was determined that adequate signage was on the street and that he would not suggest any additional signage be added.

Adopt-A-Spot on Blueberry Rd @ Strawberry Hill Rd

George Klauber attended a Council Meeting and there was some discussion about the cul-de-sac at the intersection of Blueberry Rd @ Strawberry Hill Rd. (Adopt-A-Spot)

Mike Fowler stated that this is a neighbor vs. neighbor battle. He felt that the neighbor has done a decent job of maintaining and mowing the area. However, recently they have put up PVC piping & chain to keep people off the cul-de-sac is when the neighbor called to complain.

George Klauber took a drive by and could not find any safety issues, even though he may not love the design.

Mike Fowler questioned how much control the Town could have on an area that someone volunteers to maintain an area.

Randy Chase questioned at what point does the volunteer go to too stop damage to the area, as well.

Mike Fowler stated that the Public Works Department was not going to require anything be removed unless there is a sight distance or safety concern.

Sight distance issue – Edgemont @ Pinehurst

Randy Chase asked if the DPW could take a look at a sight distance issue at Edgemont @ Pinehurst. There is an overgrown lilac bush that needs to be trimmed or moved.

Sight distance issue – Tsienneto Rd @ Barkland Dr

Steve Wallack asked if the DPW could take a look at a tree leaning and causing a sight distance issue at the intersection of Tsienneto Rd @ Barkland Dr. He stated that it was difficult to see from Barkland Dr to get onto Tsienneto Rd.

**Tom Caron made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 am.
Seconded by Mike Houghton**

Motion Passed

Next Meeting is Thursday – June 17, 2010

Respectfully,
Sharon Trenholm, Recording Clerk