

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE
Minutes for June 17, 2010



Committee Member	Present	Absent
Tom Caron, 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
Grant Benson Jr		X
Randall Chase	X	
Vacant		
Mike Houghton	X	
Patti Doyle (School Dept Alt)		
George Feole (Police Alt)		
Mike Doyle (Fire Alt)		
Mike Fowler (DPW Alt)		

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held Thursday, June 17, 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 May 20, 2010 Minutes as written.

**Seconded by Randy Chase
Motion Approved.**

Alan Cote abstained

OLD BUSINESS

Melissa Aubette – Requesting Speed Bumps – Pierce Ave

The Highway Division was unable to perform a traffic count, due to a malfunction in the device.

**Alan Cote made a motion to table this discussion to the July Meeting.
Seconded by Randy Chase.
Motion PASSED**

Marianne Lister – Requesting Speed limit sign – Elm St

The Highway Division was unable to perform a traffic count, due to a malfunction in the device.

**Alan Cote made a motion to table this discussion to the July Meeting.
Seconded by Randy Chase.
Motion PASSED**

NEW BUSINESS

Thomas Dunne – speed bumps, 25 mph & street lights – Elwood Rd

Alan Cote stated that Elwood Rd was 30 feet wide and is more than capable of handling the 30 mph speed limit. Mr. Dunne's mentioned in his email that he was looking for a street light for safety and security concerns on Elwood Rd. The Town installs lights to illuminate the roadway and not for security purposes.

The Highway Division does not endorse installing speed bumps. One concern with installing speed bumps is with plowing in the winter months. It was also mentioned that the speed bumps cause icy road conditions due to water accumulating on the road. Residents in other communities have complained that they are bottoming out as they go over the bumps.

Mike Houghton felt that this request was not a Highway Safety issue.

**Ed Garone made a motion to install speed bumps, reduce speed limit and install a street light.
Seconded by Jane Gagnon
Motion DENIED.**

Hubbard Heights Condo Assoc. – Street light at Valley St @ Stonegate Ln

Alan Cote felt that the Town would be illuminating a private entrance and would not support it.

**Alan Cote made a motion to install a street light at Valley St @ Stonegate Ln.
Seconded by Mike Houghton
Motion DENIED.**

Lorraine Butler – Street lights on Sunset Cir

Lorraine Butler was present at the meeting. She was requesting the light because many people go out walking in the evening and cars don't see the people walking.

George Klauber agrees that there should be a light at this intersection, especially where there are so many lights down the road.

Alan Cote stated that people walking should be wearing reflective wear. The Town illuminates major intersections but has gotten away from illuminating rural neighborhoods.

George Klauber asked if there was a pole to place a light on at the intersection and if we could consider moving one of the other lights to this intersection.

Ed Garone questioned if the Town generally lights intersections that are controlled.

Alan Cote felt that there was a pole at the intersection and would contact PSNH to determine the cost of a new light vs. relocating an existing light.

**George Klauber made a motion to table this discussion to the July Meeting to determine the costs involved.
Seconded by Mike Houghton
Motion PASSED.**

Clarence – Stop Sign – Kilrea Rd @ Stark Rd(3-way Stop)

Alan Cote stated that Kilrea Rd was a steep hill and would not want to give motorists a false sense of security that people at the bottom of the hill would stop. Visibility is not an issue in this area. Usually 3 and 4-way stops are located at intersections that have low visibility.

George Klauber questioned if the State of NH improvements would be making any road changes on Kilrea Rd.

Alan Cote stated that due to limited funding the scope of the State's project does not include the straightening of Kilrea Rd. It is a very limited scope of work and will be primarily at the intersection only.

Randy Chase felt that a 3-way stop was not warranted in this location.

Jane Simard stated that she travels the road often and agrees that people cut off motorists coming down Kilrea Rd to go onto Stark Rd.

Alan Cote suggested an advisory sign "Left turn traffic must Yield" as was used at the intersection of Cilley Rd @ Westgate. The sign could be located on Kilrea Rd just before Stark Rd.

George Klauber made a motion to have the Highway Division install an advisory sign "Left turning traffic – Must Yield" on Kilrea Rd just before Stark Rd.

Seconded by Alan Cote.

Motion PASSED.

Victor Dobrutchi – Street Light on Kristin Dr

Alan Cote stated that the Town does not install lights for security purposes. Lights are meant to illuminate the street and are usually placed at intersections.

Alan Cote made a motion to install a street light on Kristin Dr.

Seconded by Randy Chase.

Motion DENIED.

Daniel Abate – Stop Sign – Sanborn @ Collette's Grove Rd

Alan Cote felt that a Yield sign would be more appropriate in the intersection due to the low traffic volumes and slower speeds.

George Klauber made a motion to modify the Traffic Ordinance Article II, Section 150-10 B – Yield Intersections to include: "Sanborn Rd @ Collette's Grove Rd"

Seconded by Randy Chase.

Motion PASSED

OTHER BUSINESS

George Klauber – Parking Concern – Collette’s Grove Rd between Lanes 8 & 10

George Klauber received an additional email from Mr. Arnold to have the Fire Department consider prohibiting parking on both side of Collette’s Grove Rd between Lane 8 and Lane 10. Mr. Arnold also requested that the road be designated as a Fire Lane. Beach goers often park on one, if not both sides of the road making it impossible for emergency response vehicles to pass during an emergency.

Alan Cote stated that he would not support making the road a Fire Lane, but would consider no parking along the road on one or both sides.

George Klauber agreed that it is an issue to get fire apparatus down into that area especially in the summer months.

Alan Cote suggested that the Fire Department determine whether the no parking should be on one or both sides of the road. Then a staff report could be generated to the Derry Town Council for consideration.

George Klauber made a motion to modify the Traffic Ordinance Article 1, Section 150-4 Prohibited Parking to include:

“Collette’s Grove Rd Both From Sanborn Rd to the end of Collette’s Grove Rd”

**Seconded by Alan Cote
Motion PASSED.**

Jane Simard – West Running Brook Traffic Light

She received a concern from a parent regarding motorists turning right on red when kids are trying to cross the street. They are requesting that it be posted “No Right Turn on Red”.

Alan Cote stated that people must yield to pedestrians in the crosswalks.

Ed Garone stated that you can make a right of red turn except when the crosswalk is activated.

Alan Cote stated that the Town of Derry does not own this light it is owned by the State of NH and you would need to speak to Division 5.

**Alan Cote made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 am.
Seconded by Mike Houghton**

Motion Passed

Next Meeting is Thursday – July 15, 2010

Respectfully,
Sharon Trenholm, Recording Clerk