

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE
Minutes for July 15, 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 9:10 am.

Approval of Minutes

George Klauber made a motion to table the June 17, 2010 minutes until the next meeting. Seconded by Randy Chase.

Motion Approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Melissa Aubette – Requesting Speed Bumps – Pierce Ave

Alan Cote conducted a traffic study and determined that 75.6% of the motorists were traveling at the speed limit or less.

The Highway Safety Committee does not support installing speed bumps on public ways. No action to be taken at this time.

Alan Cote made a motion to send the resident a letter stating the outcome from the meeting and that no action will be taken at this time.

Jane Seconded.

Motion PASSED

Marianne Lister – Requesting Speed limit sign – Elm St

Alan Cote conducted a traffic study and determined that only 33.5% of the motorists were traveling at the speed limit or less. The traffic report has been forwarded to the Police Department for enforcement.

The Highway Department installed a speed limit sign at the beginning of the road. The Committee will keep an eye on Elm St to determine if speeding continues to be a problem. The speeding traffic is an enforcement issue.

Alan made a motion notify the resident of the traffic report results and that Police Department will be monitoring the road.

Randy Seconded

Motion PASSED

Lorraine Butler – Street lights on Sunset Cir

Alan Cote has looked at the street and has determined which pole could be used to add a street light too. The Public Works Department will be going forward to have a street light installed on Sunset Circle.

NEW BUSINESS

Kelly Daigle – Requesting reduced speed limit – Gamache Rd

Alan Cote stated that he would put out a traffic counter to determine what type of speeds we are dealing with. The Town cannot legally lower the speed limit unless there was an extensive traffic study done showing that the road cannot handle the speed limit established by the MUTCD Federal Guidelines.

Alan Cote made a motion to table discussion until next meeting.

Geroge Klauber seconded

Motion PASSED

Jack Merchant – Walmart - 11 Ashleigh Dr

Jack Merchant represented Wal-Mart's at the meeting.

Alan Cote provided a copy of the plans that were submitted to the Planning Board. He stated that the plans had been professionally done by a traffic engineer and was not sure if there was anything that could be added.

Alan Cote stated that the only thing he would suggest is that they should add stop signs at the end of the driveway where it meets Ashleigh Dr.

Chief Garone questioned if the stop sign would be an enforceable sign?

Alan Cote stated that the owner can install a stop sign however it is not enforceable unless it is in the Ordinance. He added that islands and driveways are private and are the responsibility of the owner to maintain.

Chief Garone felt that a yield sign may be more appropriate then.

Alan Cote stated that there was adequate sight distance coming onto Ashleigh Dr.

George Klauber agrees some type of sign should be there. Motorists may feel that the driveway is the right-of-way versus Ashleigh Dr.

Chief Garone asked if the developers considered aligning the Wal-Mart driveway with the Cinema's driveway.

Alan Cote stated that there is a retention pond that they have to stay away from.

George Klauber agreed that they could not align the driveways due to the limitations of the wetland and other issues.

George Klauber asked if any considerations were made for cueing on Ashleigh heading towards Manchester Rd. He felt that it may not be a concern today but it could be a concern in the future as the street is developed.

Chief Garone agreed that there should be some consideration for cuing traffic trying to get into Dunkin Donuts.

Alan Cote stated if that becomes a problem we could put up “Do Not Block intersection” signs.

Jack Merchant stated that a study was being done at the State level to look at cueing concerns.

Alan Cote suggested that the Highway Safety Committee send a memorandum to the Planning Board asking them to consider requiring a second light, north of the Dunkin Donuts, be installed and linked with the Manchester Rd light.

Randy Chase stated that a partial cure would be right in/right out, but that would not be feasible.

Chief Garone felt a stop sign is necessary and we should recommend this to the Planning Board.

Randy Chase suggested to Jack Merchant that they add a page showing all the driveway entrances on one view.

George Klauber would like to recommend that the Highway Safety Committee send a memorandum to the Planning Board listing the following concerns:

- 1. To have the developer look at the cueing concern in front of the Dunkin Donuts and determine the best solution.**
- 2. To have a MUTCED Approved stop signs installed at the exits and on the island.**

OTHER BUSINESS

George Klauber – 911– Whispering Pines

Londonderry Fire Department has contacted them to consider renaming the roads within Whispering Pines. The suggestion has been forwarded to the Planning Board and it may trickle down to the Highway Safety Committee.

**Alan Cote made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 am.
Seconded by Randy Chase**

Motion Passed

Next Meeting is Thursday – Aug 19, 2010

Respectfully,
Sharon Trenholm, Recording Clerk