

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE  
Minutes for August 19, 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)		X
George Feole (Police Alt)		X
Mike Doyle (Fire Alt)		X
Mike Fowler (DPW Alt)		X

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held Thursday, August 19, 2010 at the Derry Municipal Building Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

**Approval of Minutes**

**George Klauber made a motion to accept the June 17, 2010 minutes.  
Seconded by Randy Chase.**

Steve Wallack and Grant Benson abstained.

**Minutes Approved.**

**George Klauber made a motion to accept the July 15, 2010 minutes.  
Seconded by Randy Chase.**

Tom Caron, Steve Wallack, and Mike Houghton abstained.

**Minutes Approved.**

OLD BUSINESS

**Kelley Daigle – Requesting reduced speed limit – Gamache Rd**

Alan Côté explained that he had completed a traffic count but determined that the counter is out of calibration. The counter is recording artificially high speeds. The Police department recorded the time they were travelling over the counter and the speed they were going. As an example, the police said they were traveling 33 mph and the counter recorded 45.3 mph. Public Works is working on getting the counter repaired or replaced.

Mike Houghton pointed out that the portion of the road closest to Kendall Pond is thickly settled and the steep grade coming down from Overlook Drive tends to get motorists driving faster.

**Grant Benson moved to send a recommendation to the Town Council to reduce the speed limit on Gamache Road to 30 mph, seconded by George Klauber.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

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**Jaye Gowan – Requesting Speed limit reduction, School Zone stenciling, and/or Blinking light – Eastgate Rd at Bypass 28.**

Discussion ensued that this is a state road and not a town road. The state has apparently asked the local highway safety committee to weigh in.  
The intersection is too far from the school to make a school zone.

George Klauber did not support installing an overhead flashing light.

Alan Côté did not believe installing a sign would be beneficial and did not recall many accidents occurring at this site.

Randy Chase could only recall responding to one accident at this site and it was related to icy roads.

**George Klauber moved to table this item until next month's meeting when someone from the Derry School Dist. could be here.  
Seconded by Randy Chase.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

## OTHER BUSINESS

### **George Klauber – Collettes Grove Rd**

George Klauber briefly discussed the Council Meeting where prohibiting parking on Collettes Grove Rd was discussed. George Said that Daniel Abate of Collettes Grove Rd alleged that prohibiting parking was in retribution to the road having to take over the roadway.

### **Alan Côté – Birch Street Municipal Parking Lot**

With the completion of the intersection improvement wrapping up on the corner of Birch Street, Broadway, and Crystal Avenue, the new municipal lot will be permanently opened. Alan asked if the committee had an opinion as to whether or not parking should be limited to 2 hours. The committee felt that this was not within the Highway Safety committee's jurisdiction as it was not safety related.

George Klauber however brought up the fact that egress from the parking lot should be restricted to right turns only to prevent cars from crossing multiple lanes.

**George Klauber moved to recommend to the Town Council that turning be restricted to right turns only exiting the Birch Street Parking Lot. Seconded by Mike Houghton.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

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

#### **Motion Passed**

Next Meeting is Thursday – Sept. 16, 2010

Respectfully,  
Alan Côté, Supt. of Operations