DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE
Minutes for September 16, 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, September 16, 2010 at the Derry Municipal Building Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am.

Approval of Minutes

George Klauber made a motion to accept the August 19, 2010 minutes.
Seconded by Steve Wallack.

Patti Doyle abstained.

Minutes Approved.

<div align="center">OLD BUSINESS</div>

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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.

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<div align="center">NEW BUSINESS</div>

John Conroy – Requesting "Do Not Enter" signs at Madden Hill Rd

John Conroy explained his concern regarding motorists traveling the wrong way on High Street.

Janet Conroy explained her experience with headlights staring her in the face while driving High Street one evening.

October Herrero explained that bus drivers have told her that Google and GPS devices tell motorist to come up High St going the wrong way. They don't realize they are going the wrong way until it is too late. She is not sure if anything can be done about that.

Tom Caron agrees with the Conroy's and is very aware of the problem and the Committee should have someone other them himself to investigate.

Randy Chase felt that the traffic counter should be placed out there to confirm how many people are traveling in the wrong direction. Currently he stated that there is one sign out at the end of High St.

Janet Conroy stated that the sign location and over-growth makes it difficult to see the sign. She feels it should be relocated.

Randy Chase thought an additional sign on the other side of the street would be helpful.

Ed Garone feels that people are aware that they are going down the street the wrong way trying to avoid the downtown. Signage will be helpful but it is also an enforcement issue. Ed asked the Conroy's if they could give him a time of day when this is occurring. This would make it easier to schedule an officer to be in the area.

Tom Caron stated that High St was a busy bus route with many kids living on the street.

Randy Chase made a motion to table the discussion till after a traffic study could be conducted by the Highway Department on High Street.

Location to be: 1) end of High St; 2) High St @ Beacon St.

Seconded by: Ed Garone
MOTION - PASSED

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John Conroy – Requesting at "Stop" Sign at High St @ Beacon St - Speeding

John Conroy went on to explain the additional concern on High Street regarding the speeds in which motorists were traveling the road.

Randy Chase stated that the Town will not endorse a stop sign to reduce speeds. The Town goes by the Federal MUTCD Guidelines. The intersection would need to meet the guidelines in order to have a Stop sign installed.

October Herrero lives at 8 High St right across from Madden Hill Rd. She stated that someone goes over the sidewalk in front of her house to get around people taking a right onto Madden Hill Rd. One day her daughter was waiting for the bus and she asked her to come onto the porch to wait and her daughter no sooner stepped onto the porch a car drove up over the sidewalk. Her daughter would have gotten hit had she not listened to her.

Grant Benson asked if Madden Hill Rd could be closed.

John Conroy felt that closing Madden Hill Rd would be crazy and not the outcome that they were looking for.

Randy Chase agreed that it would not be wise to close Madden Hill Rd.

George Klauber stated that other communities have stop signs at every intersection in highly residential areas. The repetitive stopping can be frustrating however it does slow traffic down.

Edward Garone felt that the Committee needed to tread lightly in this area. If we approve a stop sign at this intersection without the intersection meeting the guidelines, we could have a flood of neighborhoods requesting stop signs in their area. There is a reason that guidelines were established. He is not disagreeing that there is a safety issue but would rather see bump outs or some other type of calming technique used.

George Klauber brought up a study that was performed by Southern NH Planning Commission regarding a High Accident Location Study at English Range Rd/Scobie Pond Rd/Rt 28 By-Pass. He would like to have the study forwarded to Committee members to be used as a reference for future safety issues.

George Klauber made a motion to table the discussion till after a traffic study could be conducted by the Highway Department on High Street.

Location to be: 1) end of High St; 2) High St @ Beacon St.

Seconded by: Ed Garone
MOTION - PASSED

OTHER BUSINESS
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Mike Fowler – Traffic Ord - Change Yield to Stop Sign - Brook St @ Fordway

Mike provided a copy of the Staff Report and backup of the Ordinance changes that the Town Council will be considering at the next Council Meeting in October.

George Klauber made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 am.
Seconded by Randy Chase

Motion Passed
Next Meeting is Thursday – October 21, 2010

Respectfully,
Sharon Trenholm, Recording Clerk