

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE
Minutes for June 16, 2011



| Committee Member | Present | Absent |
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| 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 |
| Kathy Garafalo | X | |
| Grant Benson Jr, V-Chair | X | |
| Randall Chase | | X |
| Albert Dimmock | X | |
| Mike Houghton | | X |
| Patti Doyle (School Dept Alt) | X | |
| Vern Thomas (Police Alt) | X | |
| Jayne Gagnon (Fire Alt) | | X |
| Mike Fowler (DPW Alt) | | X |

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held Thursday, June 16, 2011 at the Derry Municipal Building Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

Approval of Minutes

Alan Cote made a motion to accept the May 19, 2011 as amended.

Seconded by Al Dimmock.

Motion passed.

Abstained: Patti Doyle

OLD BUSINESS

Edward Garone – Frost Rd @ South Range Rd – 4-way Stop (Feb 2011)

Alan Cote stated that he and Vern Thomas discussed the sight distance at this location. They agreed that there was some growth obstructing the sight distance but could be trimmed back to resolve the issue. There was no justification to making the area into a 4-way stop at this time.

Vern Thomas agreed that the sight distance concern could be resolved by trimming back the overgrowth.

Alan Cote stated that he would generate a work order and have a crew trim back the overgrowth. He felt that no action was needed at this time.

**George Klauber made to motion to install a 4-way stop at the intersection of Frost Rd @ South Range Rd.
Seconded by Grant Benson**

Motion DENIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Anthony Janulewicz – Request No Outlet/Dead End Sign – Shilah Dr

Mr Janulewicz explained his concern regarding speeding vehicles going down Shilah Dr to find out that it is a dead end. There are 33 houses on the street.

Alan Cote asked if there were many vehicles were traveling down the road seeing that most people have navigation devices in their vehicles.

Mr Janulewicz agreed that most have gps in their vehicles but in some cases Shilah Dr is not on their devices.

**Alan Cote made a motion to install a “No Outlet” sign at the entrance of Shilah Dr.
Seconded by Grant Benson.**

Motion APPROVED.

Walter Pierce – Remove Stop Signs/Replace w/3 Yield Signs – Stark Rd @ Kilrea Rd

Alan Cote stated that this intersection has been talked to death. The current configuration is the safest resolution at this time. It is not favorable to have motorists stopping in the middle of a road. No further action is needed at this time.

**Alan Cote made a motion to remove the Stop sign at Start Rd @ Kilrea Rd and replace it with 3 Yield signs.
Seconded by Al Dimmock.**

Motion DENIED.

Richard Cowette, Sr. – Request Blind Driveway Sign – Lane Rd @ Floyd Rd

Alan Cote explained that Blind Driveways are similar to Slow Children signs. They give motorists a false sense of security and do not help in slowing traffic down. The best thing Mr. Cowette could do is keep his vegetation trimmed back and not back out of his driveway in the future.

Kathy Garafalo drove by the home and can understand Mr. Cowette's concern. Is there another alternative?

Alan Cote stated that signs become part of the scenery and unless they witness a vehicle coming out at that location they will not remember that there is a driveway there.

George Klauber felt that traffic has greatly increased on Lane Rd. It is used as a cut through for many residents.

Vern Thomas stated that many East Derry residents use Floyd Rd to Lane Rd then cross Lawrence Rd to get onto Route 28. The homeowner backing out of his driveway probably has better visibility than the motorist coming down Lane Rd. The homeowner should have no problem seeing the motorist from Floyd Rd seeing that his driveway is right across of it.

Alan Cote agreed that most of the traffic is coming from Floyd Rd and it is more limited traffic from Lane Rd.

**Alan Cote made a motion to install a Blind Driveway sign at Lane Rd @ Floyd Rd.
Seconded by Vern Thomas.**

Motion DENIED

OTHER BUSINESS

Al Dimmock – Overgrowth at the corner of High St @ Jefferson

Al Dimmock explained his concern regarding a shrub on the corner of High St @ Jefferson. He has heard many close calls and accident and wanted to bring it to the Committee's attention. He felt that the Town should create an ordinance requiring people to keep within a certain setback to allow for proper sight distance.

Alan Cote stated that the Highway Department will usually contact the homeowner and ask them to trim/maintain the shrub.

George Klauber asked if the shrub was on private property or in the right-of-way.

Alan Cote stated it was difficult in the older neighborhood to determine seeing that the right-of-ways are narrower.

Tom Caron agreed with Mr. Dimmock that the shrub is causing a sight distance issue.

Al Dimmock would like to ask the Town to create an ordinance with permits requirements to limit the location of fences, walls and vegetation and maintain proper sight distance.

Al Cote understands his concern however it would be a Building Department nightmare to police the weekend landscapers.

Al Dimmock stated that the Planning Board would have to add it to the Land Regulation Ordinance which would then need to be approved by the Town Council.

George Klauber stated that the newer subdivisions have provisions to allow for sight distance concerns.

Alan Cote stated that the Police Department informs them when vegetation needs to be trimmed back due to sight distance issues.

Highway Safety Committee discussion only, no action taken.

Grant Benson – Maple St @ W. Broadway – Parking space in front of Rig-A-Toni’s

Grant is requesting that the Committee consider removing this parking space from the Ordinance. The other day he was trying to take a left out of Maple St and had difficulty due to a delivery truck being parked in front of Rig-A-Toni’s.

Alan Cote stated from a legal standpoint delivery trucks are allowed to make deliveries, so removing this parking spot would not resolve the issue.

Vern Thomas stated that they would question the moving motorist should an accident occur, not the parked delivery truck.

George Klauber felt there was a similar situation at the Marion Gerrish Center and usually opts to take a right out of the parking lot versus attempting to cross traffic and take the left.

Highway Safety Committee discussion only, no action taken.

George Klauber made a motion to adjourn at 9:45am.

Seconded by: Alan Cote

MOTION-PASSED

Next Meeting is Thursday – July 21, 2011

Respectfully,
Sharon Trenholm, Recording Clerk