

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE
Minutes for February 17, 2011



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	
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, February 17, 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 January 20, 2011 as presented.

Seconded by Al Dimmock.

Motion passed.

Abstained: Jane Simard

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Edward Garone – Frost Rd @ South Range 4-way Stop

Chief Garone received a neighborhood request to consider making a 4-Way Stop at Frost Rd @ South Range.

Alan Cote provided some pictures of the intersection for the Committee's review.

Jane Simard agrees that this intersection is difficult, especially when the leaves are on the trees.

Alan Cote did some pretty aggressive tree trimming this past summer and thought it had resolved the issue.

Chief Garone stated that was not a high compliance to the stop sign.

Alan Cote wanted to verify that there was truly a sight distance issue that warranted a 4-way stop. MUTCD guidelines frown on installing 4-way Stops.

Alan Cote made a motion to table this item until after the foliage has returned to the trees (June meeting).

Seconded by: Al Dimmock

MOTION: PASSED

Mike Fowler – PSNH Midnight Lighting

PSNH is going to be re-lamping the street lights in Spring of 2011 and would asked if we wanted to install timers that would shut off at midnight, possibly saving on our light bill.

Al Dimmock asked who would determine which lights would be shut off.

Alan Cote stated that the DPW would generate a list to be considered.

Al Dimmock felt that there were lights that should be eliminated. However he did realize that other people may feel differently.

Chief Klauber would like to see a spreadsheet of recommended lights to be considered or eliminated.

Alan Cote stated that the cost was minimal to install the timers if during the re-lamping process.

Chief Garone was not in favor of turning any lights off. He felt the Town should not consider turning any lights off at intersections or high density areas.

Alan Cote agreed that urban areas and intersections may not be considered a good candidate for the timer. However lights in a rural setting he felt would be ideal.

Randy Chase was not against turning lights off at midnight but would not want to see them off at intersections.

Al Dimmock asked when PSNH was going to begin re-lamping the Town.

Alan Cote felt PSNH would begin in the spring and would generate a map/list of lights to be considered for the next meeting.

Chief Garone asked if the risk benefit could also be included.

Lisa Peabody – Requesting a light @ Derry Traffic Circle

Alan Cote stated that there was currently a light in the middle of the rotary. He would have to drive by at night to see how dark it was in front of 4 Chester Rd before making a decision.

Chief Klauber drives Chester Rd about 3 or 4 times a day and agrees with Ms. Peabody that it is dark there at night. He felt business was picking up there as he also noticed that people are parking across the street. Motorists do not slow down when coming down Chester Rd into the rotary.

Chief Klauber made a motion to table this item until the next meeting.

Seconded by: Alan Cote

MOTION: PASSED

OTHER BUSINESS

Chief Garone – Police Grants

Chief Garone explained that there were 4 grants that the Police Department wanted to participate in for the upcoming year. The grants were:

DWI Overtime Partols	\$5,625.00	Federal share / No local share
Pedestrian Enforcement Patrols	\$5,500.00	“ “ / “ ”
Traffic Light Enforcement	\$5,500.00	“ “ / “ ”
Speed Enforcement	\$5,500.00	“ “ / “ ”

Alan Cote made a motion to approve participation in these above grants.

Seconded by: Jane Simard

MOTION: PASSED

Chief Klauber – Teen Safety – Life Savers Conference – Phoenix AZ – Mar 26- Mar 29

There is grant money available for a Highway Safety Member to attend a Life Savers Conference in Phoenix Arizona, if anyone on the board were interested.

Alan Cote made a motion to adjourn at 9:34am.

Seconded by: Edward Garone

MOTION-PASSED

Next Meeting is Thursday – March 17, 2011

Respectfully,
Sharon Trenholm, Recording Clerk