

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE
Minutes for March 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
George Feole (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, March 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 February 17, 2011 as presented.

Seconded by Mike Houghton.

Motion passed.

Abstained: George Feole, Grant Benson

OLD BUSINESS

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.

Alan Cote provided a map showing lights that the Highway Department that could be considered to participate in the Midnight Lighting program. While creating the map he noticed that there were intersections with no lighting and other streets that could be considered as having excessive lighting. The Town may want to consider adding additional street lights and/or eliminating some lights. The cost to the Town for street lighting is approximately \$7.68/month per light or \$10,688 a month town wide.

George Klauber asked how the map was generated.

Alan Cote stated that an intern had gone around and noted all the lights in Town.

George Feole felt that this should go before the Town Council for review and approve.

Alan Cote agreed that it should go before the Town Council, but wanted to have the Highway Safety Committee and the Police Department's comments before going any further.

Grant Benson stated that a list should be generated listing lights that the Highway Department feels should be added versus deleted and/or participate in the midnight lighting program for the Council to consider.

George Feole stated that the Police Department would probably not endorse eliminating any lights in Town for public safety reasons. He would ask that lights at intersections not participate in the midnight lighting program. He agrees that the Town may want to consider adding lights at intersections that currently do not a street lights.

Alan Cote agreed that there are lights in Town that we may not want to consider eliminating or participating in the midnight lighting program.

Al Dimmock felt that homeowners should be responsible for security lights, if they feel it is needed for a security in front of their property.

George Klauber asked what the cost would be to install or eliminate lights.

Alan Cote stated that he was not sure of the cost associated with installing or removing a light. He would have to contact PSNH. He recently paid a bill to repair a light and that was \$350, so he would estimate it to be between \$500 and \$700 to install a light.

George Klauber made to motion that the Highway Safety Committee recommends that no lights at intersections be eliminated or participates in the midnight lighting program; and that the Public Works Department generates a list of high travel density intersections that currently are not laminated to be considered for lights in the future.

**Seconded by Mike Houghton
MOTION PASSED**

Abstained: George Feole

Lisa Peabody – Requesting a light @ Derry Traffic Circle

Alan Cote stated that there was currently a light in the middle of the rotary and at the intersection of Thornton St @ Chester Rd (Rt102). The light on the corner of Thornton St is within 100 ft Ms. Peabody’s restaurant.

Chief Klauber has noticed that people are parking across the street and that most pedestrians are not willing to walk to the crosswalk to cross the street. They generally prefer to Motorists do not slow down when coming down Chester Rd into the rotary.

**Chief Klauber made a motion to install a light at Derry Traffic Circle.
Seconded by: Alan Cote**

MOTION: FAILED

NEW BUSINESS

George Feole – Police Grants

George Feole explained that there were 2 grants that the Police Department wanted to participate in for the upcoming year. The grants were:

OT Operation – Safe Patrols	\$1,500.00	Federal share / No local share
Join the Click/Seatbelt Enforcement	\$3,750.00	“ “ / “ ”

**George Klauber made a motion to approve participation in these above grants.
Seconded by: Al Dimmock**

MOTION: PASSED

Chief Klauber – Teen Safety

He would be asking representative from the Teen Safety to come and speak before the Highway Safety Committee regarding upcoming programs and possibly creating a partnership in the future.

He stated that the Fire Department has conducted mock disaster drills for teens.

OTHER BUSINESS

Al Dimmock – UPDATE – Request for No Parking – High Street

FYI – the request for no parking along High Street went before the Town Council on March 1, 2011 and was approved.

**Alan Cote made a motion to adjourn at 9:35am.
Seconded by: Al Dimmock**

MOTION-PASSED

Next Meeting is Thursday – April 21, 2011

Respectfully,
Sharon Trenholm, Recording Clerk