

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE
Minutes for April 21, 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	
Kathy Garafalo		X
Grant Benson Jr, V-Chair	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, April 21, 2011 at the Derry Municipal Building Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:08 am.

Approval of Minutes

Alan Cote made a motion to accept the March 17, 2011 as presented.

Seconded by George Feole.

Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Renata Dutton Road Strip – Warner Hill Rd (from December 2010)

Alan Cote presented a follow up to the December 2010 discussion:

- Based on the MUTCD, centerline marking **shall** be placed on urban arterials and collectors that have a travelled width of 20 feet or more and an ADT of 6000 vpd or greater.
- Based on the MUTCD, centerline marking **should** be placed on urban arterials and collectors that have a travelled width of 20 feet or more and an ADT of 4000 vpd or greater.
- Based on the MUTCD, centerline marking **should** also be placed on rural arterials and collectors that have a travelled width of 18 feet or more and an ADT of 3000 vpd or greater.
- Based on the MUTCD, centerlines should also be placed on other travelled ways where an engineering study indicates a need.
- All roads in Derry that fall under the “**shall**” category are already striped. Roads that meet the warrant for “**should**” are striped with the exception of the following roadway, Adams Pond Rd, English Range Rd (Pingree Hill Rd to Rte 28 Bypass), Fordway, Fordway Ext, Scobie Pond Rd, and South Ave. Striping these roads would cost the town an additional \$3800 annually.
- Warner Hill Rd does not have a high enough ADT to warrant centerline markings. I do not have the data immediately available on traffic accidents, but I suspect that most accidents on Warner Hill Rd are weather related or the result of an impaired driver.

George Klauber asked if speed becomes a bigger factor once the road is striped.

Alan Cote stated that they find motorists travel faster at night due to the false sense of security when traveling down a striped road.

George Klauber made a motion to follow the MUTCD guidelines when striping roads in Town.

**Seconded by Alan Cote.
MOTION PASSED**

NEW BUSINESS

Resident – 1 way along Everett St (between High St & Hillside Ave)

Mike Fowler explained the history and stated that the request came as a result of the recent Town Council motion to approve No Parking along a section of High Street. He stated that he himself didn't endorse the idea to make Everett St a one-way between High St & Hillside Ave. The area is dense but there is adequate site distance in that area.

Alan Cote expressed the following reasons why Everett Street should not be a one way:

- Low volume road that primarily serves local traffic.
- While the sight distance is less than optimal, the intersection of Maple Street, Ash Street, and North High Street is in close proximity and requires a stop. The North High Street stop sign which is the furthest distance from the intersection of Everett Street is 290 feet away.
- Residents can choose to use another egress from the neighborhood if they are not comfortable with this intersection.
- High Street is wide enough that even if someone edges out onto High Street to look for oncoming traffic, a motorist south bound on High Street has ample room to go around them.
- It is not advisable to make local roadway networks one way unless it is truly necessary.

George Feole felt that making Everett St a one way would force traffic to the Ash St & Hillside intersection creating a worse situation. He stated that the Police Department would not be in favor of this request.

George Klauber stated that the fire apparatus is able to access this area without any problems and was not in favor of this request.

Al Dimmock felt the Committee should have the residents name at the time the request is being made and that resident should be from the area. He went door to door and was not able to find a resident who was requesting that Everett St become a 1 way.

George Klauber made a motion to make Everett St a one way between High St & Hillside Ave.

Seconded by: Alan Cote

MOTION DENIED

Abstained: Al Dimmock

DMC Safety Committee – 2 way along McAllister Court (between Pearl St & Sovereign Bank Drive thru)

Mike Fowler explained that the Safety Committee was concerned that motorists are cutting through the Municipal parking lot to get to the Sovereign Bank Drive thru and the Granary parking lot. Currently McAllister is a one way coming from East Broadway to Pearl St. The Safety Committee would like the Highway Safety Committee to endorse making McAllister Court a 2 way street from the Sovereign Bank Drive thru entrance to Pearl St.

Grant Benson stated that he goes to Sovereign bank every day and has not had any problems. People are traveling the roads in Derry to fast. It appears that the average motorists drive 40-45 mph versus the 30-35 mph speed limit making it difficult for residents to park and do business in the downtown area. He has also seen the Fire apparatus parked along McAllister Court taking up the parking spaces along the street.

Alan Cote asked the Committee to remember the road prior to the Municipal Center being built in 2003, the road was much narrower. After the Municipal Center was built the road was widen and parking along one side was added. His concern was if we make McAllister Ct a 2 way that someone would back out of a parking spot and then try to go the down to the Drive thru.

George Klauber stated that the downtown area was very busy afterhours and was certain that the parking along McAllister Ct was being utilized more then we think. The DMC Safety Committee also considered other options as well. In addition to the bank patrons there are also delivery trucks using the parking lot to get to the Granary vendors as well.

Mike Fowler felt the Town could distribute educational flyers asking the Bank patrons to slow down when exiting the bank.

George Feole asked if we could block the end of the municipal parking lot with barrels or plastic chain forcing people to go in/out of the banks original entrance/exit on McAllister Ct.

Alan Cote thought that portable speed bumps could be installed along the 3 locations between the bank and granary parking lots, which would need to be removed during the winter months.

**Grant Benson made a motion to table this discussion to the next meeting.
Seconded by George Klauber.**

MOTION PASSED

OTHER BUSINESS

Elections

**Alan Cote made a motion to nominate Tom Caron at Chairperson.
Seconded by Grant Benson**

MOTION PASSED

**Alan Cote made a motion to nominate Grant Benson as V-Chairperson.
Seconded by Jane Simard**

MOTION PASSED

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:

DWI Patrols – 15-6 hr Patrols	\$5,625.00	Federal share / No local share
Pedestrian Patrols – 22-4 hr Patrols	\$5,500.00	“ “ / “ ”

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

MOTION: PASSED

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

MOTION-PASSED

Next Meeting is Thursday – May 19, 2011

Respectfully,
Sharon Trenholm, Recording Clerk