

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE  
Minutes for September 15, 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
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, September 15, 2011, at the Derry Municipal Building Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Al Dimmock made a motion to accept the August 18, 2011 as presented.**

**Seconded by Mike Houghton.**

**Motion passed.**

## OLD BUSINESS

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### **Susan Conroy – Mt. Pleasant St – Requesting a Stop Sign – North bound**

Alan Cote went out to the site and agrees that there is a bush on the corner obstructing site distance however it is on private property. This intersection is currently a 3-way stop to allow for buses to get up the hill to get to the school. He would not be favor of adding a stop sign at the intersection of Mount Pleasant at Lenox Rd. He agrees that motorists need to be careful but the traffic volume is low on this road.

Mike Houghton agrees that site distance is an issue especially coming down Lenox Rd in a westerly direction from Hood Rd.

**Al Dimmock made a motion to take No Action at this time.  
Seconded by Mike Houghton**

**MOTION PASSED.**

## NEW BUSINESS

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### **Todd Connors – 33-35 West Broadway – Driveway curb-cut review**

Both Al Dimmock and George Klauber recused themselves and left the table.

Mr. Connors explained the proposed driveway curb-cut and parking lot for 33 West Broadway. If this proposal were to be approved, three (3) on-street parking spaces would be eliminated and street markings would be installed on West Broadway similar to the ones at the Marion Gerrish Community Center allowing for the necessary site distance requirements.

Alan Cote asked if there would be keeping the existing driveway, and if so would they consider adding a “One-Way Enter only” sign at the entrance of the existing driveway. He felt the proposal would improve the site and a good concession.

Mike Houghton asked if left and right hand turns would be allowed from the proposed driveway.

Mr. Connors stated that cars would be allowed to take a left or right hand turn out of the parking lot onto West Broadway. The scored lines on the pavement will allow for adequate site distance for vehicles.

Discussion only, no formal motion made.

**Alan Cote made a request that a copy of these minutes be forwarded to the Planning Board and Zoning Board.**

### **Elizabeth Parker – Peabody Rd – Requesting “Caution – Slow – School” Signs**

The Committee read the letter provided by Ms. Parker stating that she would like the Town to consider installing “Caution-Slow-School” signs on Peabody Rd because there are no sidewalks from the corner of Peabody Rd Annex to Pinkerton St. It is an accident waiting to happen.

Alan Cote stated that Peabody Rd is similar to Eastgate Rd. School notification signs are posted properly. The Committee doesn’t endorse installing Slow Children or Blind Driveway signs. Peabody Rd is a low volume road.

Jane Simard stated that this year students are parking in a lot on Peabody Rd which may have caused more vehicle and foot traffic on the road.

**George Klauber made a motion to install a “Caution-Slow-School” sign on Peabody Rd.**

**Seconded by Tom Caron**

**Motion DENIED.**

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### **Glenn Hewson – No Parking signs along Eastgate Rd**

Me. Hewson provided an email requesting the Town consider putting No Parking signs on both sides of Eastgate Rd to restrict parking within 40-50 feet from the end of the road. This would provide motorists adequate visibility if pedestrians and oncoming traffic while allowing parents to watch their kids board the school bus.

Alan Cote stated that he would not support No Parking along both sides of Eastgate Rd, but would support making the southerly side with a shoulder No Parking. The northerly side of Eastgate has a raised curb.

Jane stated that these are middle aged or older kids waiting to board buses, but has no problem if the Town wanted to put up No Parking signs.

**Alan Cote made a motion to recommend that the Town Council amend the Traffic Ordinance Chapter 150 Article 4 - Prohibited Parking.**

**Eastgate Road     South     From Route 28 By-Pass for a distance of 100 feet in an easterly direction.**

**Seconded by Mike Houghton**

**Motion PASSED.**

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## OTHER BUSINESS

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### **Bike Crossing – Kendall Pond Rd @ Bike Path**

John Anderson explained that he has received complaints from residents stating that it is difficult to cross Kendall Pond Rd and continue on the bike path. He was looking for possible suggestions that could resolve this issue seeing that the Bike Path is being extended down Bowers Rd to the Windham Line.

Alan Cote was not in favor of installing cross walk markings on the road because they will give pedestrians a false sense of security. There is limited site distance at that location.

Jane Simard agrees that motorists travel fast on Kendall Pond Rd in that area.

John Anderson asked if the Committee could provide options to give motorist notice that the Bike Path is there such as squiggly lines or stop bars on the pavement.

Alan Cote felt it would be an easier problem to solve if the concern were in the downtown area because motorists are accustom to seeing pedestrians in the crosswalks.

George Klauber thought a flashing sign might be helpful but that would incur a monthly costs and maintenance.

John Anderson questioned if Derry had ever considers raised pavement markers (RPM). He is concerned that the pedestrian traffic will only increase after the Bike Path Improvement from Bowers Rd to the Windham town line has been completed.

George Klauber mentioned that other communities are installing tunnels for the pedestrian traffic to use along busy streets.

Alan Cote felt the Public Works Department should contact the State of NH Traffic Bureau for their guidance on the waverly painted lines. He has not seen them used in the United States.

**George Klauber made a motion to adjourn at 9:45am.  
Seconded by: Randy Chase**

### **MOTION-PASSED**

Next Meeting is Thursday – September 15, 2011

Respectfully,  
Sharon Trenholm, Recording Clerk