

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE
Minutes for January 19, 2012



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	
David Hoffman (Fire Alt)		X
Mike Fowler (DPW Alt)		X

Also in attendance: Adam Smith, Reporter from Union Leader
Benjamin Klein, Reporter from Nutfield News

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held Thursday, December 15, 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 December 15, 2011 with one minor spelling correction.

George Klauber seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Abstained: Al Dimmock

OLD BUSINESS

Paul Rakiey – Requesting School Zone signs - St Thomas Aquinas School

George Klauber requested an update regarding St. Thomas's request.

Vern Thomas stated that the school has been closed for school vacation but he did verify that the proper school signs were in place.

NEW BUSINESS

Monika Farrington – Request for a street light - #13 Peabody Rd

Alan Cote went to the location to verify what lights were on Peabody Rd. The Town places street lights at intersections, and Peabody Rd had street lights at all the intersections. Currently there are two privately owned street lights, one between 7-9 Peabody Rd and the other at 3 Peabody Rd that luminate their parking lots. Mrs. Farrington can contact PSNH directly and request a street light be installed in front of her property at her expense. This is a low volume road and it doesn't warrant additional lighting at this location between intersections.

Vern Thomas stated that he agreed with Alan's comments and that the Police Department had no accident concerns in that area.

Alan Cote made a motion to approve the request for a street light to be installed in front of 13 Peabody Rd as requested.

**George Klauber seconded.
MOTION DENIED.**

Follow-up discussion: A letter to be sent to resident stating the outcome of the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

George Klauber – Crosswalk by Halligan's Tavern

He is aware that this area has been discussed in the past however after hours it is difficult for pedestrians to walk across the street without being hit by oncoming vehicles due to the hill. Motorists cannot see the pedestrians crossing until they are right up on the crosswalk.

Alan Cote stated that they looked at the installing a bright light on the decorative lamp post but it would blind the motorists. He is not sure what can be done to resolve the concern.

George Klauber asked if it would be possible to install a light on the building and cast it towards the crosswalk.

Alan Cote stated that might work but they would need to be sure that motorists coming from Maple Street are not blinded.

Al Dimmock mentioned that Grant Benson had suggested multiple times that a traffic light should be installed at Maple Street.

Alan Cote stated that Maple Street didn't meet the volume requirements to install a light at that location and the Town would lose multiple on-street parking spaces as well.

Kathy Garafalo – Sight Distance – Kendall Pond Rd (Birch Heights)

Kathy Garafalo asked if anyone had previously brought forward a sight distance concern when exiting Birch Heights onto Kendall Pond Rd.

Alan Cote stated that the development met the sight distance requirements providing that motorists are traveling at a reasonable speed. The sight distance was something that was looked at very closely and revisions were made to ensure visibility would not be an issue from that development.

**Alan Cote made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 am.
Seconded by: Randy Chase
Motion Passed.**

Next Meeting is Thursday – February 16, 2012

Respectfully,
Sharon Jensen