

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE
Minutes for March 15, 2012



| Committee Member | Present | Absent |
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| 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) | | |
| Vern Thomas (Police Alt) | | |
| David Hoffman (Fire Alt) | | |
| Mike Fowler (DPW Alt) | | |

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held Thursday, March 15, 2012, at the Derry Municipal Building Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am.

Approval of Minutes

Alan Dimmock made a motion to accept the February 16, 2012 as revised.

Chief Garone seconded.

Motion passed. (6 – 0 – 1)

Abstained: Randy Chase

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Resident – Manning Street (Dead End portion) – No Parking

A resident of Manning Street submitted a request that the Town consider installing “No Parking” signs along the right side of Manning Street where the road narrows.

Alan Cote stated that he had not had a chance to go out to measure the road. He was not sure if an ambulance could get down that street.

Randy Chase stated that it was a tough road on a good day with no one parking in the street.

Albert Dimmock stated that he had turned down the street in his vehicle and had a difficult time turning around.

Tom Caron questioned if this request is due to a neighborhood disagreement.

Alan Cote stated that given the width of this road it might be feasible to make both sides No Parking.

Randy Chase made a motion to table the discussion till the next meeting.

Grant Benson Seconded.

Motion Passed (7 – 0)

Joe Bramante – Drew Rd @ North Shore Rd – Stop Sign

Joe Bramante explained that he is a resident of Collette's Grove and uses North Shore Road @ Drew Road intersection daily. Drew Road has a steep hill with obstacles such as a stone wall, trees and brush obstructing the sight distance when attempting a left hand turn onto Drew Road. You can't see a vehicle coming down Drew Road towards North Shore Road and they can't see you. He had recently had a close call at this location and felt he had to bring it forward.

Alan Cote agreed that the hill on Drew Rd was steep. It has a 14⁰ grade, which is why he would not support installing a stop sign at this intersection. Motorists will have a false sense of security that vehicles are going to stop and during inclement weather motorists may not be able to stop at the stop sign.

Michael Houghton questioned if there was adequate signage regarding the steep grade on Drew Road.

Alan Cotes stated that there was adequate signage.

Joe Bramante felt if a "Stop sign ahead" sign was located back before the curve that people would know to stop.

Albert Dimmock explained that having a stop sign at an intersection does not necessarily make vehicles stop.

Alan Cote stated that he would like to go back out to the site and measure the actual sight distance of the intersection and see if anything could be done to improve it. He stated that he could speak to the homeowner on the corner and see what can be done to help improve the situation. He also suggested that the Committee could consider making that intersection a "No Left turn".

Chief Garone stated that the residents closest to the intersection will not appreciate going around.

Albert Dimmock suggested a "Vehicles entering/turning" sign as an alternative.

Grant Benson made a motion table the discussion till the next meeting.

Albert Dimmock Seconded.

Motion Passed. (7 – 0)

OTHER BUSINESS

Alan Cote – New Sidewalks

At a previous meeting the Highway Safety Committee requested that the Public Works Department look at installing a new sidewalk along Tsienneto Rd to provide a safer walking environment for children walking to school. The Department has proposed \$130,000 to install a new raised sidewalk along Tsienneto Rd from Jeff Lane. It still has to be approved by the Town Council.

Next Meeting is Thursday – April 19, 2012

Respectfully,
Sharon Jensen