

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE
Minutes for April 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)		
Vern Thomas (Police Alt)		
David Doyle (Fire Alt)	X	
Mike Fowler (DPW Alt)		

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held Thursday, April 19, 2012, at the Derry Municipal Building Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am.

Approval of Minutes

Mike Houghton made a motion to accept the March 15, 2012 as presented.

Alan Dimmock seconded.

Motion passed. (6 – 0 – 1)

Abstained: Jane Simard

OLD BUSINESS

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

Alan Cote stated that Manning Street was 18 feet wide and was not a high volume road. He didn't see a safety issue.

Grant Benson felt that a section at the end could be backfilled to create a parking space.

Mike Doyle agreed that the road was narrow however the Fire Dept has been able to get an ambulance down the road but they have to back out.

Randy Chase felt the parking concern may have been during the winter months when the road was narrower.

Alan Cote made a motion to send a letter to the resident stating that the Committee denied their request for No Parking signs to be installed along the right side of Manning Street.

**Randy Chase Seconded.
Motion passed (7-0)**

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

Alan Cote stated that the sight distance was 125' at that location. Seeing that it is a 14% grade, he would not recommend installing a stop sign. Placing a stop sign at that location would give motorists a false sense of security especially during inclement weather.

Grant Benson felt the Town should ask the neighbor on the corner to cut back the growth making the sight distance better.

Alan Cote stated that it would take an easement from the Town to cut back the growth on the corner and felt it would not provide any substantial improvement. Motorist should consider alternate routes when trying to access Island Pond Road from that area. He was not aware of many accidents at this location.

**Alan Cote made a motion to deny the request for a stop sign at Drew Road @ North Shore Road due to the steepness of the road and lack of accidents.
Grant Benson Seconded.
Motion Passed. (7 – 0)**

NEW BUSINESS

Brian Chirichiello/Brian Howard – Rollins St @ Franklin – No Parking

Brian Chirichiello of 6 Rollins Street explained his concern to the Committee. He added that he was not big on signs but felt that prohibiting parking was the only way to resolve the issue. He went on to explain that Rollins Street was a narrow road and was restricted more when vehicles were parked on the roadside.

Alan Cote stated that the road was 21 feet wide. He would consider prohibiting parking along both sides of Rollins Street from Franklin Street to Maple Street.

Grant Benson agreed that no parking should be posted the entire length of Rollins Street or the problem would just move down.

Albert Dimmock made a motion to have the Town Council amend the Code of the Town of Derry, Chapter 150, Traffic Ordinance Article I, Section 150-4 Prohibited Parking to read:

Rollins Street Both Entire length from Franklin Street to Maple Street

**Seconded by Randy Chase
Motion Passed (7-0)**

Chris Howe – Stop Signs near South Range School

Susan Howe, Co-President of South Range School PTA, explained her request for the Town to consider installing Stop signs at the various intersections around the school. She explained that the busses were using Muzzy Lane to access the school drop off center. She also mentioned that the PTA would like to see a stop sign at Drury Lane @ Silver Street.

Alan Cote had a chance to look at the intersection and seeing that Muzzy Lane is a short street and he didn't feel that it met the criteria for a Stop Sign. However, he felt there should be a Yield sign at the intersection of Muzzy Lane @ Drury Lane seeing that the buses use Muzzy Lane as the main entrance to the school. Motorists on Muzzy Lane should be yielding to the primary street which is in this case Drury Lane.

Alan Cote stated that every intersection doesn't warrant a stop sign. He agreed that the Town should consider adding a stop sign at the intersection of Drury Lane @ Silver Street.

Alan Cote made a motion to have the Town Council amend the Code of the Town of Derry, Chapter 150, Traffic Ordinance Article I, Section 150-10b Yield Signs to read:

Muzzy Lane @ Drury Lane

Seconded by Jane Simard

Motion Passed (7-0)

Alan Cote made a motion to have the Town Council amend the Code of the Town of Derry, Chapter 150, Traffic Ordinance Article I, Section 150-10a Stop Signs to read:

Drury Lane @ Silver Street

Seconded by Randy Chase

Motion Passed (7-0)

Eileen Maloney – Cart Shuttle Schedule

Eileen Maloney introduced the new CART shuttle program to the Committee. She explained that some of the bus stops were still being determined. She provided a map of the current bus stops and shuttle schedule. She stated that this was primarily to assist seniors in Town get around but that all residents were welcome to use the shuttle system. She also wanted to know what the Committee would need to see if they wanted to have a bus stop on By Pass 28 @ Tsienneto Rd.

Alan Cote explained that the shuttle did not have the same rights as a school bus. He liked the idea of the shuttles going into private parking lots to board/drop off passengers. He thought the Post Office might be a good location as a bus stop as well.

Albert Dimmock stated that the Post Office was a government property and may not be able to allow the Cart shuttle to use their parking lot as a drop off location.

Randy Chase felt that having the bus stop at the Irving Gas Station would be a good drop off location.

Eileen Maloney explained that they were trying to make the bus route “right turns” only so that the buses will not have to turn around.

Randy Chase stated that they could pull into the Irving Gas Station from By Pass 28 and pull out of the parking lot onto Tsienneto Rd to the light and continue on their way.

Grant Benson added that she should speak with Merrimack Tile to see if they would allow a shuttle bus to stop at their facility.

Eileen Maloney explained that the current shuttle bus was 22 feet long and wanted to eliminate the need for the shuttle to turn around seeing that they hope to upgrade to full size buses in the future.

Eileen Maloney also shared that they were considering a bus stop in front of the Abbott House on West Broadway and wanted to know what was necessary to make that happen.

Alan Cote explained that she would have to come before the Committee to request that a parking space be removed to allow for a bus stop. If the Committee approved the request it would then be forwarded to the Town Council to amend the Code of the Town of Derry Traffic Ordinance.

Discussion only.

OTHER BUSINESS

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 am

Next Meeting is Thursday – May 17, 2012

Respectfully,
Sharon Jensen