

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE
Minutes for May 17, 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)		
Mike Fowler (DPW Alt)		

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held Thursday, May 17, 2012, at the Derry Municipal Building Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 am.

Approval of Minutes

Randy Chase made a motion to accept the April 19, 2012 as presented.

Alan Dimmock seconded.

Motion passed. (4 – 0 – 2)

Abstained: Ed Garone, George Klauber

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Elections

Alan Cote made a motion to nominate Tom Caron for Chairman.

Seconded by Al Dimmock

Motion Passed (6-0)

Randy Chase made a motion to nominate Grant Benson for Vice Chairman.

Seconded by Ed Garone

Motion Passed (6-0)

Release of Public Servitude – Exeter St/Claremont Ave

The Committee reviewed the documentation provided by Joseph Owen.

The consensus of the Committee was that there was no value in retaining the right-of-way connecting Exeter St to Crystal Ave at the Claremont bend.

Jim Giardina – Reduce speed limit – Norman Dr

The Committee reviewed a concern regarding the potential safety issues on Norman Dr requesting that the Town consider reducing the speed limit, give out tickets or add a speed bump on the road.

The Town of Derry does not endorse placing speed bumps on public roads. Norman Dr is a residential road with no outlet it would not meet the warrants to reduce the speed limit.

Ed Garone made a motion to reduce the speed limit on Norman Dr.

Seconded by Randy Chase.

Motion Denied. (0 – 6)

Jim Giardina – Kendall Pond Rd – Bike Path – Reduce Speed Limit

The Committee reviewed the concern regarding adequate signage at the bike path crossing on Kendall Pond Rd. He didn't see a speed limit sign or any warning to drivers that pedestrians could potentially be crossing.

Alan Cote stated that the Highway Division had recently did some work on the southerly side of the road to increase the sight distance for motorists. A crosswalk was also installed. The Department will be installing additional pedestrian crossing signs at this location. He did not feel it would be possible to lower the speed limit on Kendall Pond Road.

George Klauber asked if there were signs on the bike path making pedestrians aware of the upcoming cross.

Alan Cote stated that there was signage on the bike path at upcoming intersections and would verify that they were still in place.

Ed Garone stated that bicyclist must observe the rules of the road and are not considered pedestrians.

Randy Chase commented that he drove Kendall Pond Road all the time and has not seen any issues with pedestrians not being able to get across Kendall Pond Rd.

Alan Cote stated that crosswalk signs were not respected because they become part of the scenery. He was not aware of any accidents at that location. Kendall Pond is a heavily traveled road with at least 5 to 6,000 cars daily.

Ed Garone made a motion to send a letter to the resident to inform them that additional signage would be going up, but their request to lower the speed limit was denied because it would meet the warrants to reduce the speed limit on Kendall Pond Rd.

**Seconded by Randy Chase.
Motion Passed (6-0)**

OTHER BUSINESS

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 am

Next Meeting is Thursday – June 21, 2012

Respectfully,
Sharon Jensen