

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE  
Minutes for June 21, 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	
Vacant		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, June 21, 2012, at the Derry Municipal Building Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 am.

**Approval of Minutes**

**George Klauber made a motion to accept the May 17, 2012 as presented.**

**Albert Dimmock seconded.**

**Motion passed. (5 – 0)**

OLD BUSINESS

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## NEW BUSINESS

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### **Jim O'Neal – 30 Brook St – Driveway**

Jim O'Neal presented the proposed 30 Brook St driveway to the Committee. The current plan shows three driveways, two coming off Brook St and the third driveway off Fordway.

Alan Cote questioned the sight distance of the driveway off Fordway looking to the south.

Jim O'Neal stated that it was at least 250 feet looking north but would have to measure the sight distance from the south.

Alan Cote questioned if they were planning to relocate the guardrail on Fordway to improve the sight distance.

Jim O'Neal stated that they were not planning to relocate the guardrail at this time.

Alan Cote stated that sight distance is a concern, especially during the winter months. The speed limit on Fordway is 30 mph but the average speed is closer to 40. Traffic is less on Brook St but it is still not a good location for a driveway either.

George Klauber felt it would be better to relocate the driveway to Brook St providing it can meet the sight distance requirements.

Al Dimmock questioned if they had considered adding fill to the site even though it is costly.

Alan Cote stated that they were already adding a lot of fill to the site and didn't feel that adding more fill would increase the sight distance.

Ed Garone asked if they had considered making one common driveway for the three homes.

Jim O'Neal stated that it would require an easement and possibly a variance to meet Town standards.

Alan Cote stated that motorists were still cutting the corner at that intersection and the further away the driveway entrance was from the intersection the better. He recommended that the driveway be at least 50 feet from the intersection.

**George Klauber made a motion stating that the Highway Safety Committee recommends that the driveway be relocated from Fordway to Brook St maximizing the sight distance looking south down Fordway and to meet AASHTO Standards.**

**Seconded by Al Dimmock.  
MOTION PASSED (6 – 0 )**

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**Andrea Murphy – 54 North High Street – Safety concern**

Alan Cote had gone out to the sight and taken photos of the road.

Al Dimmock stated that the house was hit and the home was knocked off its foundation.

Alan Cote stated that the house was relocated further back on the property after that accident.

Ed Garone provided an Accident History from Jan 2003 through June 12, 2012 listing the various accidents in this vicinity between Ash St and No. High St. There were 11 accidents during that time frame.

Alan Cote stated that typically the Town would place guardrail in locations that were considered to be dangerous if someone were to run off the road. This location has a slight curve in the road but nothing that stands out as being a hazard to warrant a guardrail.

Ed Garone felt that this situation mirrored the situation out on the State Road by Cousin's Farm (154 Chester Rd) on Route 102. The State installed chevron signs to address the problem.

Alan Cote questioned placing a chevron in a location that wasn't a sharp curve.

George Klauber expected that motorists would slow down when they saw a chevron sign.

Ed Garone stated that motorists have many distractions that are causing accidents today.

**George Klauber made a motion to have the Highway Division install chevron signs at that location.**

**Seconded by Ed Garone.  
MOTION PASSED (6 – 0)**

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OTHER BUSINESS

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Meeting adjourned at 9:42 am  
Next Meeting is Thursday – July 19, 2012  
Respectfully, Sharon Jensen