

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE  
Minutes for July 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	
Vacant		
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, July 19, 2012, at the Derry Municipal Building Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Alan Cote made a motion to accept the June 21, 2012 as presented.**

**Jane Simard seconded.**

**Motion passed. (6 – 0 - 1) Randy Chase abstained**

OLD BUSINESS

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## NEW BUSINESS

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### **Broadway Chiropractic – W. Broadway @ W. Everett & Elm St – Safety concern**

Philip Szalowski, from Broadway Chiropractic, wrote a letter to the Highway Safety Committee requesting that the Town review the intersection and provide a possible solution to reduce the traffic accidents at this location.

Chief Garone provided a 5 year accident history report and there were 9 reported accidents during that time. Most of the accidents were due to inattentive motorists or unlawful passing.

Albert Dimmock mentioned that traffic heading towards Fordway block the entrance to Elm Street and do not allow motorists to access Elm St.

Chief Klauber questioned if W. Broadway was a 2 lane road at the W. Broadway @ Fordway lights because he has seen motorists queuing in both directions.

Alan Cote stated that there is not enough width to meet MUTCD guidelines to make it a two (2) lane road in the location.

Chief Klauber suggested that the committee consider narrowing the road so that motorists could not go around queuing vehicles or possibly installing a “Do Not Block Intersection” sign to allow for motorists to access Elm St.

Chief Garone added that the accidents are did not occur during high commuter times.

Alan Cote felt if the lane width was narrowed that it may cause more accidents.

Randy Chase stated that the roads were once that way 20 years ago.

Alan Cote had a concern with making High St a one way off West Broadway due to Wyman St location being so close. He didn't felt there would be no benefit.

Chief Klauber questioned if there was granite curbing along West Broadway in that area.

Alan Cote stated that there was curbing and also utility poles at the intersections. After reviewing the accidents it appears that they were not caused by speeding motorists.

Chief Klauber felt Mr. Szalowski's concerns were not only for the 9 reported accidents but the many near misses that he probably has seen.

Randy Chase stated that this problem would not be solved easily and felt the committee should consider the “Do Not Block Intersection” sign.

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Alan Cote stated that making the road narrower there would make the situation worse. He was not in favor of the sign due to the location that it would need to be placed. The sign would have to be installed off the road and out of motorists' sight distance, which would make it ineffective.

Albert Dimmock was fearful that if Town were to redirect the traffic from the Downtown area that the businesses there would suffer. That is one reason why he is not in favor of the Exit 4A.

**It was determined that a letter would be sent to Mr. Szalowski to inform him that his concern was discussed at the meeting but they were unable to find a resolution at this time to his concern.**

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#### OTHER BUSINESS

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Alan Cote mentioned that his Division installed the chevron signs on North High Street.

Kathleen Bailey from the Nutfield News was also in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 am

Next Meeting is Thursday – August 16, 2012

Respectfully, Sharon Jensen