

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE
Minutes for April 18, 2013



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	
Randall Chase		X
Mike Houghton	X	
Donald Burgess	X	
Walter Deyo	X	
Vacant		
Patti Doyle (School Dept Alt)		
Vern Thomas (Police Alt)		
Mike Doyle (Fire Alt)		
Dave Blanchard (DPW Alt)	X	

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held Thursday, April 18, 2013, at the Derry Municipal Building Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

Approval of Minutes

Jane Simard made a motion to accept the March 21, 2013 as presented.

Mike Houghton seconded.

Motion passed. (5 – 0- 1) Dave Blanchard abstained.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Council – SR13-104 Request to remove Stop Sign - Hillside Ave @ Jefferson St

Chief Garone explained that the request went before the Town Council for a Public Hearing on March 26, 2013. It was determined that it should go back to the Highway Safety Committee for further consideration, after hearing a residents present additional information.

Don Burgess stated that he has lived in the area for 20 years and can understand the concern that was brought forward at the Town Council Meeting.

Chief Garone explained that the 4-way stop at Hillside @ Beacon St met all the MUTCD Guidelines and was a classic example for the need to have a 4-way stop in place. The 4-way stop at Hillside Ave @ Jefferson St was questionable due to adequate sight distance. However, after hearing the resident's concerns at the Town Council Meeting he would be inclined to rescind the request to have it removed.

Walter Deyo stated that he took a drive over there and approached the intersection from multiple directions and agreed the sight distance was adequate. However given the situation would be inclined to leave it alone at this time.

Mike Houghton is a student driver instructor and brings his students to that area of town because there is a lot going on at that intersection.

Jane Simard felt we should leave the stop sign as is.

Dave Blanchard stated that the road lends itself to not having stop signs. The question becomes, would the sign exist if there wasn't a handicapped person in the area.

Chief Garone stated that the layout does not warrant a 4-way stop, however due to personal situation as it is, the Committee should leave it in place.

Mike Houghton made a motion to leave the existing stop sign at Hillside Ave @ Jefferson St.

Seconded by: Walter Deyo
MOTION Passed. (6-0)

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTIONS – Moved to the May 16 meeting.

Public Works – Remove Limited Parking – Highland Ave (former school zone)

Dave Blanchard explained that the Planning Board had approved a new apartment complex within the former Floyd School. Currently in the Town Ordinance, Highland Ave has limited parking within the school zone. The Public Works will be requesting that limited parking be removed from the Town Ordinance because it is no longer applicable.

Dave Blanchard made a motion that the Highway Safety Committee request that the Town Council remove the limited parking from Highland Ave from the Town Charter, Chapter 150-5(1) Limited Parking.

Remove – Highland Ave – East – from 100 feet north of Severance St and 300 feet south of Severance St.

Seconded by: Don Burgess

MOTION Passed (6-0)

OTHER BUSINESS

May 16 – NHDOT - Rt28 By-Pass/Scobie Pond Rd/English Range Rd Intersection

NHDOT – Will be attending the Highway Safety Meeting on May 16, 2013 to discuss the Rt28 By-Pass/Scobie Pond Rd/English Range Rd Intersection. The focus will be to explore possible improvements for the intersection. Please invite residents and/or employees that could testify to the need for improvements.

Kathleen Bailey from the Nutfield News was also in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 am

Next Meeting is Thursday – May 16, 2013

Respectfully, Sharon Jensen