

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE
Minutes for January 17, 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	
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)		
Mike Doyle (Fire Alt)		
Mike Fowler (DPW Alt)		

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

Approval of Minutes

Alan Cote made a motion to accept the December 20, 2012.

Al Dimmock seconded.

Motion passed. (6 – 0)

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Jeff Lawman – NO Dumping/Littering Sign – Fordway Extension

Alan Cote stated that the Town had placed No Littering Signs on Windham Depot Rd and they had no effect on reducing the amount of trash/litter that was on the road. People know littering is against the law but they choose to do it anyway.

George Klauber felt the most effective No Littering signs were the ones that listed the fine amount on the sign.

Alan Cote agreed that there was a lot of litter on Fordway and Kendall Pond Rd due to motorists not covering their loads as they go to the Transfer Station.

George Klauber asked if the Highway Division received calls regarding large items that are discarded on the roadside.

Alan Cote stated that the Police Department and residents do call with items that are on the side of the road and a crew goes to pick them up. If possible we try to identify who discarded them on the roadside and forward that information to the Police Department.

Ron Boil, resident questioned if the Town ever had the Police Department at the Transfer Station making people aware that they should tarp their loads.

Alan Cote stated that the Town has had the Police Department at the Transfer Station occasionally to check permits and dump loads.

George Klauber wondered if a surveillance sign were posted in the area if that would deter the littering.

Tom Caron stated that he would like to think that people were going to do the right thing and not litter.

Alan Cote made a motion to send Mr. Lawman a letter stating that the Highway Safety Committee denied his request for signage and to explain that installing a No Littering sign would be not effective in deterring people from dumping. People know it is illegal dumping but choose to do it anyway.

**Seconded by: Randy Chase
MOTION: PASSED (6 – 0)**

Charles Zoeller – Derry Public Library - Signage

Charles Zoeller, Vice Chair Library Trustee was requesting that the Town allow the Library to install information signs up at 6 different locations to assist motorists in locating the Derry Library. Mr. Zoeller provided a map identifying where they proposed to locate the signs along East Broadway, Crystal Ave and Birch St.

Al Dimmock questioned who was going to pay for the signs.

Charles Zoeller stated that the Library would pay for the signs and poles, but would ask that the Highway Division install them for the Library.

Alan Cote stated that the proposed roads currently have many informational signs and with technology now most motorists have GPS devices to guide them. He was unsure if he wanted to add additional signs to the area. He also stated that it was not feasible to place multiple signs on one pole and proposed that the Library signs have their own pole.

Charles Zoeller stated that the signs would not need to be located right at the intersection.

Edward Garone asked if the Derry Library had received any complaints or requests for the signage. He felt that the proposed sign was very nice.

Charles Zoeller stated that the Trustees have seen similar informational signs when traveling to other Library's and found them to be helpful.

Alan Cote was unsure about placing a Library sign in the rotary seeing that the Town also has a Library on East Derry Rd. If the library sign is approved for the Derry Library, the Town would have to allow the Taylor Library to put up signage as well in the future.

Edward Garone agreed that having signs at the rotary would be questionable. He felt conformational signs were helpful to motorists. He suggested that the signs be only placed on East Broadway. Say one in front of D'Angelo's heading easterly and the second one located in front of Dentists Office just outside the rotary heading in a westerly direction on East Broadway.


Alan Cote stated that he liked Mr. Garone's suggestion. If the Taylor Library would like to place Library signs they could place them on East Derry Road.

Highway Safety Committee approved 2 Library signs one on East Broadway near D'Angelos Restaurant in an easterly direction and the second in front of the Dentist Office on East Broadway just outside the rotary in a westerly direction. No Sign Permit or formal action by Town Council needed to install signs.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ron Boyle, Resident of Derry – Yield & Stop Sign Questions

Ron Boil asked if Yield signs had a Yield bar option that could be placed on the road. He has seen them in Vermont and wondered if New Hampshire also had this as a guideline.

Mr Boil explained that the Yield bar had a row of triangles, similar to a stop bar. 

Alan Cote stated that he was not sure, but would have to refer to the MUTCD Federal Guidelines and get back to him.

Ron Boil then questioned if the Committee could relook at the 4-way stop signs at Hillside Ave @ Beacon St and Hillside Ave @ Jefferson St. He felt they were no longer needed.

Alan Cote stated that the Hillside Ave @ Beacon St 4-way stop was needed but would consider looking at the Hillside Ave @ Jefferson St 4-2ay stop. He would have it placed on the agenda for the next meeting for further discussion.

Kathleen Bailey from the Nutfield News was also in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am

Next Meeting is Thursday – February 21, 2013

Respectfully, Sharon Jensen