

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE
Minutes for July 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	
Matt O'Malley	X	
Patti Doyle (School Dept Alt)	X	
Vern Thomas (Police Alt)		
Mike Doyle (Fire Alt)		
Mike Fowler (DPW Alt)		

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held Thursday, July 18, 2013, 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 May 16, 2013 as presented.

Chief Garone seconded.

Motion passed. (6 – 0 - 1) Patti Doyle abstained.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Jack Rivera – Site Distance issue Hilda Ave @ English Range Rd

Mr. Rivera provided photos and explained his concern regarding the intersection. He stated that it was dangerous to come out from Hilda Ave onto English Range Rd. Motorists are traveling at higher speeds than they should be. He proposed that the Committee consider cutting back some trees along the shoulder and raise the apron to improve sight distance. Currently the apron is not paved and is 5 feet lower than English Range Rd.

Chief Garone asked how long he had lived on Hilda Ave and if the entrance had gotten worse over that period of time.

Mr. Rivera stated that he had lived there since 1979. He stated that the intersection had always been that way however he felt that the hole was getting deeper.

Mr. Cote stated that he could not raise the apron 2 feet, but was willing to pave the apron when a paving crew was paving Cove Dr. Several years ago the Town came out and cut several trees and removed a hill to improve the site distance. To remove additional trees may require an easement. Hilda Ave was built in the 1950's and it has limited sight distance.

Mr. Burgess asked if a culvert pipe could be placed under the apron to allow for water to go under the road.

Mr. Cote stated that it would cause drainage problems if we were to place a culvert under the road at that location. The water still needs to go somewhere. Homeowners along English Range Rd can trim back their trees improving the sight distance along the road.

Chief Garone asked Mr. Rivera if he had asked the homeowners to trim their trees back.

Mr. Rivera stated that he had not asked the homeowners if they would trim back their trees.

Chief Klauber made a motion to request that the Public Works Department make improvements where possible to the area and generate a letter to abutters requesting permission to remove trees along the roadside to further improve sight distance in that area.

Seconded by Matt O'Malley

MOTION Passed (8 – 0)

OTHER BUSINESS

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 am

Next Meeting is Thursday – August 15, 2013
Respectfully, Sharon Jensen