

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE  
Minutes for November 21, 2013



Committee Member	Present	Absent
Tom Caron, Chairman	X	
Alan Côté, DPW	X	
Ed Garone, Derry Police		
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)		
George Feole (Police Alt)	X	
Mike Doyle (Fire Alt)		
Mike Fowler (DPW Alt)		

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held Thursday, November 21, 2013, at the Derry Municipal Building Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Jane Simard made a motion to accept the October 17, 2013 as amended.  
Matt O'Malley seconded.**

**Motion passed. (4 – 0 - 4) Matt O'Malley, George Feole, Alan Cote, and Walter Deyo abstained.**

**Brian Germaine – South Ave @ Birch St – No Parking**

Alan Cote mentioned that the retaining wall was being repaired today at this moment. He still felt that the Committee needed to restrict parking along both sides of South Ave at the intersection to Birch St. He would propose that the Town consider restricting the parking along both sides of South Ave for a distance of 125 feet in a westerly direction from Birch St.

Donald Burgess agreed that something needed to be done. South Ave is very narrow and if someone is parked on South Ave a bus could never make the corner.

George Klauber felt that we should verify that the Planning Board didn't provide a parking exception to the business on the corner at 21 Birch St. He remembered a discussion during a TRC Meeting that allowed parking along the street. This could impact the business that is currently there.

George Feole stated that he was at that TRC meeting and thought it was for parking on Birch St and there was no mention of parking on South Ave.

**George Klauber made a motion to prohibit parking along the north-side of South Ave for a distance of 125 ft from Birch St in a westerly direction with consideration of a possible requirement for on-street parking.**

**Alan Cote Seconded.**

**MOTION PASSED (8-0)**

**George Klauber made a motion to prohibit parking along the southerly-side of South Ave for a distance of 125 ft from Birch St in a westerly direction.**

**Alan Cote Seconded.**

**MOTION PASSED (8-0)**

NOTE: Checked with Planning Department and parking access was not given for South Ave.

## NEW BUSINESS

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### **Deborah Covino – Hunter Dr – Reduction of speed limit**

Deborah Covino introduced herself to the Committee and went on to explain her concern. She lives within a ¼ mile from the school and walks her children to school. Vehicles are traveling too fast on Hunter Dr. She has a petition with 50 signatures to request that the speed limit be lowered to 25 mph. Parents have petitioned the School Department to have bussing within the ¼ mile range from school.

Alan Cote stated that Hunter Dr has a good design with good sight distance. Before he would consider lowering the speed limit, he would want to conduct a traffic count. He stated that it is not good to lower the speed to an unreasonable level that would promote people to disrespect the speed limit.

George Feole agreed that motorists were not going to travel 25 mph on Hunter Dr.

George Klauber stated that since he has been on this Committee he has noticed that many times it is the neighbors that are actually speeding on the road. He asked how many bus stops where stopping in that area.

Jane Simard stated that Hunter Dr doesn't quality for bussing, but gave them 3 bus stops.

George Klauber felt that the School Department was agreeing that there was an issue there.

Alan Cote stated that he would put out the traffic counter on Hunter Dr between Dubeau and Remington for a few days.

**Highway Safety Committee decided to table discussion till the December meeting.  
MOTION PASSED (8-0)**

## OTHER BUSIESS

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### **Alan Cote – North Main St – Crosswalk near Pinkerton**

Alan Cote met with Pinkerton Academy to discuss extending the sidewalk between the two crosswalks currently on North Main Street. Pinkerton Academy has agreed to extend the sidewalk on the easterly side of North Main Street in the spring.

### **Jane Simard – Silver Street - Speeding**

Erika Vedduccio, a resident in the area and PTA member came to add additional information. She stated that the speeds have dropped with the added police presence. People are stopping to thank the officers for being there. She would like to suggest that the Town consider lowering the speed limit in that area.

Alan Cote stated that one option would be to post a 20 mph during school hours within 500 feet of the school. However, he would not endorse it until the Town was able to do a traffic count to determine what the speeds actual were on the road. Currently, at the same time, there has been additional traffic in the area due to the Rockingham Rd Project. This project will be coming to an end by November 27 and would consider putting out the traffic counter then weather permitting.

Mrs. Vedduccio stated that she has lived in the area for 6 years and speeds have been an ongoing issue. There are 12 kids that walk unsupervised to and from school and there are no crosswalks. She asked what would be needed to request a crosswalk.

Alan Cote explained that crosswalks were placed between two sidewalks at intersections. In the downtown are you might see a mid-block crosswalk but that is not the norm. Silver Street doesn't have any sidewalks.

**Highway Safety Committee decided to table discussion till the December meeting.  
MOTION PASSED.**

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### **George Klauber – Crescent St – Sidewalk**

Would like to request that the Public Works Department consider budgeting funds to extend the sidewalk down Crescent St. Currently students are parking at the Hoodkroft Country Club and the church and walking up to the school. The concern is that they are walking in the street.

Alan Cote stated that he see what the ROW was along the road.

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Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am

Next Meeting is Thursday – December 19, 2013  
Respectfully, Sharon Jensen