

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE
Minutes for January 16, 2014



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)		
George Feole (Police Alt)		
Mike Doyle (Fire Alt)		
Mike Fowler (DPW Alt)		

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held Thursday, January 16, 2014 at the Derry Municipal Building Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:14 am.

Approval of Minutes

**Alan Cote made a motion to accept the December 19, 2013 as amended.
Matt O'Malley seconded.**

Motion passed. (5 – 0 - 2) stained. George Klauber, Michael Houghton

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Jeffrey Bonomo – Cilley Rd – Street Light

Alan Cote stated that Cilley Road was outside of the urban compact. Past practice for the Town of Derry, is to place street lights at intersections and not midway along roads. Derry is a rural town and would hesitate to place a street light midway along this road. The Town has 900 luminaires which costs \$100,000/year.

Ed Garone felt that street lighting was important.

Alan Cote felt that it would be a big issue if the Town were to start installing lights midway along streets.

George Klauber remembered Mike Fowler bring forward a PSNH Midnight Lighting proposal for the Committee to consider back in February-March 2011. This Committee recommended that no lights at intersections were to be eliminated or participate in the midnight lighting program. (Minutes attached).

Ed Garone questioned if the Public Works Department had considered upgrading the lighting along Broadway downtown.

Alan Cote explained that his Division was going to propose converting the 30 street lights downtown to LED in the next budget.

Donald Burgess agreed that the LED bulbs last longer than regular street light bulbs.

George Klauber hoped that the Department would consider upgrading lights at crosswalks first.

Alan Cote stated that pedestrians walking at night can also opt to wear reflective clothing to make themselves more visible.

**Randy Chase made a motion to install a street light midway on Cilley Rd.
Seconded by Ed Garone.
Motion DENIED (0 – 8)**

Robert LaPlante – Gulf Rd – Yellow center line

Robert LaPlante introduced himself and explained his concern after the latest accident that occurred on Gulf Rd.

Alan Cote stated that there was not any funds budgeted to stripe Gulf Rd. Back a few years ago the Highway Safety Committee proposed that the Town Council consider striping collector roads within Derry. The Town Council was met with political pressure to leave the roads as is and not to stripe them.

Ed Garone asked if the MUTCD guidelines had any guidance related to striping along the curves.

Alan Cote stated that he was not aware of anything that specific, but would recommend applying fog lines to the various roads as well if we were to consider center lines.

Robert LaPlante felt that the residents along Gulf Road would not complain about having Gulf Road striped, if they were to propose it again.

Randy Chase stated that he was in favor of the center lines but the accident that recently took place was not caused by the road no being striped.

The general consensus from the Highway Safety Committee was that they should make recommendations to the Town Council that are safety concerns and not worry about the political pressure.

Alan Cote wanted to get a feel from the Committee if they should go forward with submitting one road for striping or if they should consider making a list of all collector roads that should be striped.

Ed Garone agreed that the committee should move forward with a town-wide list of collector roads to be considered.

Alan Cote stated that he could show all the collector roads on a map for the Town Council to consider.

Robert LaPlante stated that he was not here to discuss striping roads throughout town, but would prefer to focus on Gulf Road.

George Klauber felt that we could prioritize the list.

Highway Safety Committee suggested the following streets to be considered for center and fog lines:
(19 roads)

Gulf Rd	Goodhue Rd	Kilrea Rd	Warner Hill Rd
Drew Rd	Old Auburn Rd	Old Chester Rd	No Shore Rd (Big Island Pond)
Lane Rd	Cemetery Rd	Scobie Pond Rd	English Range Rd
Floyd Rd	Lawrence Rd	Windham Depot Rd	Fordway
Frost Rd	Adams Pond Rd	Fordway Ext	

Ed Garone asked Alan Cote the cost per mile was.

Alan Cote stated that he would need to look it up, but would put together an estimate on the cost to stripe these roads.

Alan Cote made a motion to recommend to the Town Council that the above listed collector roads are striped with center and fog lines.

Seconded by: Randy Chase

Motion PASSED (8 - 0)

NOTE: The above motion was amended at the March 20, 2014 and supersedes the January 16, 2014 decision.

March 20, 2014 – Ed Garone made a motion for the Highway Safety Committee to follow the MUTCD Guidelines with regards to Pavement and Curb Markings.

Motion PASSED – (10-0)

Alan Cote – Hummingbird Lane – No Parking/No Standing/No stopping

Alan Cote wanted to bring a concern forward to the School Department regarding motorists double parking to pick up their children attending the Barker School. This situation impacted the Highway Divisions plow operation during the last storm. He was hoping to have the School Department send a letter out to the parents requesting that they not park on Hummingbird Lane to pick up their children from school.

George Klauber agreed that it would be difficult for emergency vehicles to navigate down Hummingbird Lane with motorist's double parking on the street.

Alan Cote stated that he was going to be taking photos and provide them to the School Department.

Ed Garone said that he would send an officer to check out the situation, as well.

OTHER BUSIESS

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am

Next Meeting is Thursday – February 20, 2014

Respectfully, Sharon Jensen