

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE
Minutes for March 20, 2014



| Committee Member | Present | Absent |
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| 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, March 20, 2014 at the Derry Municipal Building Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am.

Approval of Minutes

**Alan Cote made a motion to accept the February 20, 2014 as presented.
Matt O'Malley seconded.**

Motion passed. (9 – 0 - 1) Abstained – Mike Houghton

OLD BUSINESS

Karl Dubay – Crystal Place Site Review

Mr. Dubay stated that they are still working on getting together with St Thomas Aquinas Church to discuss the parking lot adjacent to their project. The Planning Department has provided them with parking provisions that were made with OSCO Pharmacy back in 1980, however there is no official agreement between the Church and Pharmacy to allow parishioners to park in the Pharmacy parking lot.

Alan Cote asked if they were still working on the protective left hand turning lane.

Mr. Dubay stated that they were gathering information to see if the turning lane is possible.

Mr. Cote made a motion to table this discussion to the April 17, 2014.

Seconded by Matt O'Malley

MOTION PASSED (10-0)

Highway Safety Comm. – Collector Road Striping

During the January 16, 2014 meeting, Mr. Robert LaPlante requested that the Town consider striping Gulf Road. After some discussion it was determined that all collector roads should be considered and not to just pick and choose roads.

The Highway Safety Committee then sent a Staff Report (SR14-103) to the Derry Town Council for them to consider striping approximate 20 collector roads throughout Town. The Town Council sent it back to the Highway Safety Committee for further discussion.

Alan Cote stated that he had referred to the MUTCD Guidelines – Chapter 3B Pavement and Curb Markings. The guidelines stated that center lines should be placed on traveled way of 20 feet wide with an average daily traffic count (ADT) of 4,000 or more. It also stated that center lines should be placed on rural arterial and collectors that have a traveled way of 18 feet wide with an ADT of 3,000 vehicles or more. Based on the list original submitted to the Derry Town Council only 3 roads actually met these requirements. (Fordway, English Range Rd, and Scobie Pond Rd)

The question before the Committee: Does the Committee want to amend the original list of roads to meet the MUTCD Guidelines or go forward with the existing list.

Ed Garone made a motion to follow the MUTCD Guidelines for Pavement and Curb Markings. Seconded by Randy Chase.

Discussion:

Alan Cote felt that there was value in striping roads; it provided motorists with a guideline on the direction the road taking especially during foggy or inclement weather.

Donald Burgess agreed and added that fog lines also had value.

Mike Houghton questioned why the pavement markings faded so quickly.

Alan Cote explained that the Town is no longer able to use oil based paint. They now have to use water based paint and it fades. During plowing operations the paint can also come up. Unfortunately the Town is not able to stripe the roads multiple times a year. The Department tries to put the paint down on hot days to allow for the best application.

George Klauber mentioned that the average daily traffic counts were already 2 years old and the 2011 figures were in some cases lower than the 2009 figures. He questioned if the Committee would want to consider using a 20% factor not to exclude roads that may be close to the MUTCD Guidelines.

Alan Cote stated that the Public Works Dept. (DPW) could conduct a traffic count on the roads that were close.

Acting Town Administrator, Larry Budreau introduced himself and presented a 3 ½ page letter that the Town had recently received from Steve Mitchell who lives on Cemetery Road. Mr. Mitchell was opposed to having Cemetery Road striped.

Ed Garone wanted the Committee to consider the original request from Mr. LaPlante's to have Gulf Road striped. If we use the MUTCD Guidelines, Gulf Road would not be one of the roads considered for striping.

Donald Burgess asked if the Committee could add Gulf Road to the list.

Alan Cote felt that the Committee should not be cherry picking the roads that get striped. The Committee should develop a method and stick to it. In this case, Cemetery Road doesn't meet the MUTCD requirements for being striped, however if in a future it met the guidelines the road should not be removed from the list because a resident was opposed to it being striped.

George Klauber felt that accidents and curvature of the road should also be a factor.

Ed Garone added that he found fog and center lines to be helpful, but agrees that the placement of pavement markings should be based on science and engineering guidelines.

Alan Cote stated that the DPW would perform traffic counts on the roads that were close to meeting the MUTCD Guidelines once the snow was gone. (Fordway Extension, Cemetery Rd and Adams Pond Rd)

**Ed Garone made a motion to follow the MUTCD Guidelines for Pavement and Curb Markings to determine which roads would be striped.
Seconded by Randy Chase**

MOTION PASSED (10-0)

OTHER BUSIESS

Chief Garone –Highway Safety Program Grant – “Join the Click”

Chief Garone presented the proposed FY15 Highway Safety Program called “Join the Click” that would focus on under 18 wearing their seat belts. He went on to explain that the grant funds would pay for the program with no additional cost to the community.

George Klauber made a motion to endorse the proposed Highway Safety Program “Join the Click” as presented.

**Seconded by Alan Cote
MOTION – PASSED (10-0)**

St Anselm College – School Project

Haley Brown and Delia Considine from St Anselm College introduced themselves at the meeting and explained their school project.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 am
Next Meeting is Thursday – April 17, 2014
Respectfully, Sharon Jensen