

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes for June 19, 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, Co-Chair		X
Donald Burgess	X	
Walter Deyo	X	
Scott Savard		X
Patti Doyle (School Dept Alt)	X	
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, June 19, 2014 at the Derry Municipal Building Center. Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

Approval of Minutes

George Klauber made a motion to approve the minutes of May 15, 2014 as presented.

Seconded by Donald Burgess.

MOTION PASSED 7 - 0

OLD BUSINESS

Karl Dubay – Crystal Ave - Crystal Place Site Review Update

Mr. Dubay presented the revised site plan that included a traffic study and improvements to the traffic light at the intersection of Lenox Rd @ Crystal Ave. He went on to explain that they looked at a few options but felt the best option would be to remove the on-street parking along Crystal Ave in front of the proposed site and Sal's Pizza. If approved, on-street parking along the east side of Crystal Ave that would be eliminated after Lenox Rd.

Alan Cote asked about the timing of this project. He was planning to overlay Crystal Ave in July 2015 and was willing to coordinate the paving with their improvements.

**Alan Cote made a motion to approve the plan as presented.
Seconded by George Klauber**

Motion PASSED (7 – 0)

Alan Cote made a conditional motion, if project was approved by Planning Board, to request that the Town Council remove parking along the east side of Crystal Ave beginning at Lenox Rd in a northerly direction for a distance of 420 feet.

Seconded by Walter Deyo.

Motion PASSED (7 – 0)

NEW BUSINESS

Warren Flanders – 22 Pierce Ave- 25 MPH Speed Limit request

Alan Cote stated that he went to the street and there was a hill with limited sight distance but didn't feel that the speed limit needed to be lowered for that reason alone. He stated that Pierce Ave was not a challenging road to navigate.

Donald Burgess stated that he didn't see a high volume of traffic while he was on Pierce Ave.

Edward Garone questioned if the committee should consider restricting parking along the hill, as you are leaving the Alexander Carr Park.

Alan Cote mentioned that the Town would be adding camera surveillance at the Alexander Carr Park, which should slow down the traffic speeds and vandalism.

**Alan Cote made a motion to reduce the speed limit on Pierce Ave to 25 mph.
Seconded by Donald Burgess**

Motion FAILED (0 – 7)

Alan Cote voted No, because there were no restrictions that would warrant lowering the speed limit.

Eric Mitchell – 19 Kendall Pond Rd – 18 Unit Apartment Complex

Eric Mitchell introduced himself and explained their project. He stated that the driveway would be located across from Shilah Dr with a parking garage under the complex and additional parking on the site. Site Distance coming out of the complex is adequate. He felt that the speed limit on Kendall Pond Rd should be lowered as it appears they are traveling fast in front of the project site. They were also putting a walkway to allow access to the school bus stop at the corner of Magnolia Ln as well as the bike path.

Alan Cote asked if they had factored in the sight distance with snow bankings.

Eric Mitchell stated that would be considered all-season safe. The sight distance was done on the paved area and there was no plan for trees along the front of the property, only shrubs. This should allow for adequate sight distance in both directions.

**Edward Garone made a motion to approve the project as presented.
Seconded by George Klauber**

Motion PASSED (7 – 0)

OTHER BUSINESS

George Klauber - Crosswalks

George Klauber was happy to see that the Highway Division were painting the crosswalks.

Alan Cote explained that the paint they are required to use fades and/or chips off due to winter plowing operations.

Edward Garone asked if the Department had considered using the reflectors.

Alan Cote stated that he was not sure how long the reflectors would last. He would need to get 3-5 years out of them before replacing to make it cost effective.

George Klauber felt the upright Pedestrian crosswalk signs were a great help, as well.

Alan Cote explained that they are replaced 2-3 times a year due to motorists damaging them.

Edward Garone stated that it is usually the mirrors that get them.

George Klauber questioned if the Highway Department had looked into laminating the crosswalks. He felt it would be beneficial at the crosswalk on West Broadway by Halligan's Restaurant.

Alan Cote stated that the Department had budgeted to change the Downtown street lights to LED lights, which may help the situation.

**Alan Cote made a motion to adjourn at 9:55 am.
Seconded by George Klauber**

Next Meeting is Thursday – July 17, 2014

Respectfully,
Sharon Jensen