

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes for May 15, 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)	X	

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held Thursday, May 15, 2014 at the Derry Municipal Building Center. Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

Approval of Minutes

Don Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes of May 1, 2014 with one correction. (Second page, replace “acquire” with ‘require” on the connection to Pinehurst St.

Seconded by Walter Deyo.

MOTION PASSED with George Klauber and Patty Doyle abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS

Karl Dubay– Crystal Ave- Crystal Place Site Review Update

Nobody showed up for this item of discussion

NEW BUSINESS

Emery Bickford – 29 Hubbard Hill Rd- No Parking

Mike Fowler started the discussion by explaining the history of how the temporary turn around easement was created. Originally it was proposed as a temporary turn around until such time that the property beyond the subdivision was developed. Since that time, the Town of Derry has acquired the property beyond the end of the cul-de-sac and it is in conservation. Mr. Bickford does not want people using the conservation land parking on his grass at edge of pavement in order to utilize the conservation land.

Mark Weisman of 30 Hubbard Hill Rd spoke and explained that he was concerned with prohibiting parking on the cul-de-sac in that it would prevent everyone from parking on the roadway including guests of abutters to the cul-de-sac. He offered that “Trailhead Parking” signs could be installed in front of his home and a gravel shoulder could be extended onto his front yard by about three feet. This would accommodate a couple of cars to park.

Cathy Baumann of 30 Hubbard Hill Rd works from home and said that she sees very few people park at the end of the cul-de-sac to use the conservation land.

George Klauber said he was hesitant to prohibit parking in residential areas unless it obstructs the passage of emergency vehicles.

Alan Cote made a motion to recommend to the Conservation Commission to install signs in front of 30 Hubbard Hill Rd denoting trailhead parking and have the shoulder of the road widened with gravel by three feet in that area.

Seconded by Randy Chase

Discussion:

Chief Garone wondered if that would satisfy the neighbors.

MOTION APPROVED. Unanimous.

George Klauber made a motion to send a letter to Mr. Bickford explaining the proposed solution and explaining that it was less intrusive.

Seconded by Donald Burgess

MOTION APPROVED. Unanimous

Brian Pratt – 30 Brook St- LaMontange Builders

Brian Pratt explained the plans for a 10 unit multi-family site plan located at 30 Brook Street. He explained how traffic circulation would work on the site.

Alan Cote asked about sight distance and was told that though the sight distances were not shown on the plan, the sight distance is adequate.

Randall Chase asked about the grade leading to the rear of the building and was informed that it had a maximum grade of 5 ½ %.

Chief Garone asked if the finish grade would be similar to the existing grade and was told it would be.

Alan Cote stated that the mailboxes must be moved back to be at least 8 feet back from edge of pavement.

**Alan Cote made a motion to notify the Planning Board that the Highway Safety Committee had no objection to the site plan as presented.
Seconded by Edward Garone.**

MOTION APPROVED. Unanimous

Bill Stack- 13 Manchester Rd- Aroma Joe's

Bill Stack began by explaining the site plan for 13 Manchester Rd. The site will have two exit lanes. A straight and left turn lane and a right turn only lane. The majority of the customers will be “drive up window” customers with a small amount of customers being walk in. NHDOT had already commented on the plan and made recommendations.

Chief Garone stated that traffic using the by-pass lane would need to cross traffic to get in the left turn lane. Mr. Stack answered that the by-pass lane should experience very little traffic.

Scott Savard asked if there was a left turn lane for traffic entering from Manchester Rd. The answer was that it already exists.

Steve Pernaw, Traffic Engineer, explained that at peak traffic, the site should have one vehicle per minute.

Mike Fowler explained that the intersection which is directly across from A Street was carefully studied by the state and did not meet the warrants for a traffic signal.

**Alan Cote made a motion to notify the Planning Board that the Highway Safety Committee had no objection to the site plan as presented.
Seconded by Randall Chase.**

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

Edward Garone made a motion to table this request until next month to allow time for the DPW to review the street to see if a reduction in the speed limit is warranted.

Next Meeting is Thursday – June 19, 2014

Respectfully,

Alan Cote