

## DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes for July 17, 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)		
George Feole (Police Alt)		
Mike Doyle ( Fire Alt)		
Mike Fowler (DPW Alt)	X	

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held Thursday, July 17, 2014 at the Derry Municipal Building Center. Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Alan Cote made a motion to approve the minutes of June 19, 2014 as presented.  
Seconded by George Klauber.**

**MOTION PASSED 6 – 0 – 1 (Jane Simard abstained)**

## OLD BUSINESS

### **Emery Bickford – 29 Hubbard Hill Rd – No Parking**

Mr. Bickford introduced himself and explained his concern with people parking on his property and then walking across to the Conservation Committee Trail entrance. He is unable to maintain his property due to people parking along his property and feels it is a hardship. He pays taxes on this portion of land. He is looking for people to be respectful of his property. He is requesting that this Committee endorse posting the section of road in front of his property as No Parking. He has spoken to the Conservation Commission regarding the parking issue approximately two months ago and they were going to put in a trail head parking area to resolve the issue however, nothing has been done so far.

Mike Fowler explained that easements regardless if they are permanent or temporary allow for “viatic use” which is normal use of a road but is not limited to parking, utility poles and vehicular and foot traffic.

Alan Cote explained that the Town of Derry accepts a road as a Public Road it does not actually own the road. They are easements over ones property, abutters own to the centerline. He agreed that people can be inconsiderate and damage property by parking on their lawn.

Mr. Bickford wants to be a good neighbor and doesn't want to post No Trespassing signs in front of his property.

Alan Cote explained that the Highway Safety Committee handles safety concerns and not land use issues. This Committee endorses prohibited parking for concerns regarding sight distance and/or safety issues. He felt that the concern before the committee should be directed to the Conservation Committee as they own the property in question.

Donald Burgess felt Mr. Bickford should post No Trespassing signs on this property however they would not be enforceable by the Police.

Alan Cote stated that the intent of the temporary easement was to allow for Hubbard Hill Road to continue through at some later time. It may be many years before the temporary easement goes away.

George Klauber asked Mr. Bickford for clarification of what he was looking for the Committee to do.

Mr. Bickford purchased the property in January 2013 and felt that the easement took up

one-sixth of his property and has come before this Committee to work something out. He would like to request that “No Parking” signs be placed on the portion of the cul-de-sac that is currently on his property.

George Klauber explained that by requesting No Parking in front of his home, he was eliminated parking in front of his home. He couldn't pick and choose who could park in front of the property.

Mike Fowler stated that the Conservation Committee meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 7:30pm and the owner could contact them to get on their agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. Wiseman of 30 Hubbard Hill Rd stated that he and his neighbor at 28 Hubbard Hill Rd were not in favor of prohibited parking within the cul-de-sac. He didn't feel that traffic had increased since the Conservation Committee purchased the land. Mr. Bickford has placed rocks in front of his property and felt motorists were not parking in front of his property as much.

George Klauber stated that Mr. Bickford has come to the wrong committee and should contact the Conservation Commission and attend their next meeting.

Ed Garone stated that Mr. Bickford could go before the Town Council and request permitted resident parking similar to what they did on Marlboro Rd alongside the Derry Library.

No action was taken by the Highway Safety Committee,  
Discussion only.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Alan Cote made a motion to adjourn at 9:50 am.  
Seconded by George Klauber**

Next Meeting is Thursday – August 21, 2014

Respectfully,  
*Sharon Jensen*