

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes for September 18, 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)		

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held Thursday, September 18, 2014 at the Derry Municipal Building Center. Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

Approval of Minutes

Donald Burgess made a motion to approve the minutes of July 17, 2014 as presented.

Seconded by Scott Savard.

MOTION PASSED 6 – 0 – 3 (Alan C, George K, Edward G arrived later)

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Taylor Library – Off-Site Signage (2)

Taylor Library Trustee explained their request for 2 off-site signs with arrows similar to what had been installed for the Derry Public Library. One to be located at the Rotary heading up on East Derry Rd and the other one coming from the other direction on East Derry Rd as well.

There was discussion regarding the type of sign, which should be a State approved.

Donald Burgess made a motion that the Highway Division should install the Library signs requested along East Derry Rd as requested.

Seconded by Scott Savard.

MOTION: PASSED (6 – 0 – 3)

Kevin Limenello – High St – Speed Monitoring

Mr. Limenello was present at the meeting and explained his concern. He went on to tell the committee about his experiences since moving into the home a few years ago.

Donald Burgess stated that he also lives on High St, at the other end. He felt that motorists were traveling at reasonable speeds. He himself has never seen anyone pass motorists for going to slow.

Alan Cote explained the traffic study and stated that motorists were traveling an average speed of 31.8 mph (85th percentile) He didn't feel there was a speeding issue on High St.

Highway Safety Committee decided to take no action at this time.

David Barka Prop – 15-17-19 South Ave – Expansion

Doug McQuire from Dubay Group, Inc presented the site plan to the committee for review. He stated that the current proposed site was actually 3 parcels owned by Mr. Barker with 4 family units that are currently rented. They were proposing to merge and consolidate the three properties making it one parcel with a single driveway entrance.

Alan Cote had a concern with the first parking space being too close to South Ave and asked if there was any way to relocate it.

Doug McQuire stated that they would not be able to remove the parking spot but would consider making it visitor parking only or possibly assigning parking spaces by units with signage and/or pavement markings.

Alan Cote also commented that the site plan didn't show any spots for snow storage and was concerned with snow coming out onto South Ave or obstructing sight distance.

Donald Burgess made a motion to accept the site plan provided they resolve the first parking space concern.
Seconded by Edward Garone
Motion PASSED (9 – 0)

Robert Mosher – Frost Rd – Reduce Speed Limit

Alan Cote stated that Frost Rd didn't have any unusual obstacles on it to require the speed limit be reduced. People are expected to drive at a reasonable speed. A traffic study would not support lowering the speed limit. The Town will be resurfacing a section of Frost Rd in a few weeks making it appear that motorists are traveling faster.

Donald Burgess stated that he traveled the road and 35 mph was a reasonable speed.

Alan Cote made a motion to send Mr. Mosher a letter stating that the Committee felt no action was needed at this time.
Seconded by Donald Burgess
MOTION PASSED (9 – 0)

Karl Dubay – Floyd School Townhouses

Karul Dubay and Doug McQuire were present at the meeting to present the site plan to the Committee.

Doug McQuire explained that the original plan was to have apartment units within the existing Floyd School and determined that the inside of the school needed too much work to move forward with the plan. They have reconfigured the proposal for 20 town house units. He provided photos of Highland Ave showing that there was at least 600 ft sight distance in both directions.

Alan Cote was concerned with the entrance off Florence St.

Karl Dubay stated that they were 30 and 50 feet away from Highland Ave. The driveway closest to Highland Ave was actually a one way “in” only. The other driveway was a one way “out” only. He stated that they had been working hard to incorporate the comments that they received from the last TRC Meeting. They were also looking to ensure that they have factored in the flooding zone issues.

Alan Cote didn’t feel that property was impacted by the flood zone. He asked if they know the sight distance for the driveways on Florence St.

Doug McQuire stated that he did not measure that while he was on the site.

Karl Dubay stated that he would get the site distance on Florence St. He stated that the townhouses would be approximate 1,000 sq ft units with 1 – 2 bedrooms. He felt it would attract an older demographic.

Alan Cote commented that there was no snow storage area shown on this site plan. He was concerned that it would impact sight distance in the winter months.

Alan Cote made to a motion to accept the site plan as presented providing that they provide a certification stating that the sight distance requirements are met on Florence St.

Seconded by Ed Garone

Motion PASSED (9 – 0)

Tim Bethke – East Broadway Parking Lot – No Loitering

Mr Bethke sent an email explaining his concern with loitering that has been going on in

the East Broadway Municipal Parking lot. The kids leave their trash, block the lanes, and use foul language and excessive noise from the cars exhaust and music. He has requested that the Town install “No Loitering” signs in the parking lot.

It was determined that this was not a Highway Safety concern and Mr. Bethke would need to contact the Police Department to determine if a “Loitering Ordinance” could be established in the Town of Derry.

OTHER BUSINESS

**Alan Cote made a motion to adjourn at 9:58 am.
Seconded by George Klauber**

Next Meeting is Thursday – October 16, 2014
Respectfully,
Sharon Jensen