

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes for December 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 Gagnon (Fire Alt)	X	
Mike Fowler (DPW Alt)		

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held Thursday, December 18, 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 accept the October 16, 2014 as presented.
Scott Savard seconded.**

Motion passed. (7 – 0 - 1) Abstained – Mike Gagnon

**Alan Cote made a motion to accept the December 4, 2014 (Special Meeting) as presented.
Walter Deyo seconded.**

Motion passed. (7 – 0 - 1) Abstained – Mike Gagnon

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Lewis Builders – Route 111 @ Island Pond Rd Development

Joshua Manning presented proposed site plan for mixed use (Retail/Gas station). Stephen Pernaw explained the traffic study to the group. He stated that they had spoken to NHDOT and no driveway permit was necessary for this project. They are projecting the traffic count to be 14,000 vehicles/day, which is down from the 2010 count. Currently the traffic light at the intersection is a 3 phase and they would possible consider the phase timing after the development has been fully built.

Alan Cote stated that this traffic light is maintained by the State of New Hampshire.

Ed Garone asked about dedicated right hand turns.

Stephen Pernaw explained that motorists were currently using the wide shoulder as a turning lane. The shoulder is possibly wide enough to establish a formal dedicated turning lane. He would have to measure it.

Randy Chase questioned the volume that the site would be generating.

Stephen Pernaw stated that the property was going to be built in phases as they got tenants to fill the buildings, but estimated 130 customers once it has been completed.

Alan Cote looking at the traffic study asked what could be done to get the classification back to a C in the evening.

Stephen Pernaw stated that the dedicated turning lanes would help with that.

Alan Cote asked about the cueing into the Plaza.

Stephen Pernaw stated that they are anticipating 7 vehicles during the peak morning hours and 11 in the evening. They believe there should be ample room to accommodate the cueing vehicles.

Alan Cote made a motion to send a letter to letter to Planning Board stating that the Highway Safety Committee had no issues with the site plan as presented. They would recommend that the phase time at the intersection be reviewed after the development has been completed.

**Seconded by Randy Chase
Motion Passed (8-0)**

Karl Dubay – Townhouse Proposal at Floyd School Site

Karl Dubay presented the revisions for the Townhouse (20 units) project located at the former Floyd School site. He explained that the existing school was being torn down. The Florence St driveway entrance has been made a 1 way entrance at the intersection of Highland Ave and the second driveway located further up on Florence St is an exit only. The private way off Highland Ave will be constructed to Town standards. They are planning to bring these revisions to the upcoming TRC meeting and an scheduled an Abutters meeting to present the project to them and answer questions.

Ed Garone questioned if the Townhouses would be owned outright or rented.

Karl Dubay stated that the Townhouses will be individually owned with an Association.

Alan Cote questioned where the snow storage locations were. He was concerned that the snow would be piled at the entrances of the development and affect sight distance existing from the site.

Karl Dubay stated that the current site map didn't show the correct snow storage locations.

Alan Cote questioned if they had considered snow storage at the end of the private way.

Karl Dubay felt that snow storage at the end of the private way could be a good solution and that he would look into it.

Alan Cote made a motion to send a letter to the Planning Board stating that the Highway Safety Committee approved the plan as presented providing there is adequate snow storage built into the plan.

**Seconded by Donald Burgess
MOTION Passed (8-0)**

Mark Bishop – Goodhue Rd – Signage – Sharp Corner

Alan Cote presented Mark Bishops concern regarding the curve in front of 91 Goodhue Rd. If you were to travel in an easterly direction towards 91 Goodhue Rd, it would not appear that the curve would cause motorists to go off the road into the stone wall.

However, the profile of the road during inclement weather sends motorists off the road as they attempt to slow down to make the corner.

Alan explained that signs were not always effective, however would consider adding signage in this situation. The vehicles traveling on Goodhue Rd are local residents and they should be aware of this curve. The speed limit on Goodhue Rd is 35 mph, however motorists should be adjusting they speed limit to go with the conditions of the road.

Ed Garone stated that there was another location in Town with a similar situation on Route 102 near Cousin's Farm. The State of NH placed some signs in that locations and it has been successful at reducing the runoffs at that location.

Alan Cote made a motion to table the discussion until everyone has had time to go out to the site and review the situation.

**Seconded by Randy Chase
MOTION Passed (8-0)**

OTHER BUSINESS

Updates:

Highway Division installed the "Left turn Yield on Green" sign at Fordway @ Madden Hill Rd.

Brady Ave @ Rockingham Rd cueing has resolved itself now that the construction has ended for the season.

**Alan Cote made a motion to adjourn at 9:45 am.
Seconded by Randy Chase**

Next Meeting is Thursday – January 15, 2015

Respectfully,
Sharon Jensen