

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes for April 16, 2015



COMMITTEE MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Tom Caron, Chairman		X
Alan Côté, DPW	X	
Ed Garone, Derry Police	X	
Mike Gagnon, Derry Fire Dept.	X	
Jane Simard, Derry School Dept.		
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)		
(Fire Alt)		
Mike Fowler (DPW Alt)		

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held Thursday, March 19, 2015 at the Derry Municipal Building Center. Meeting was called to order at 9:01 am.

Approval of Minutes

**Alan Cote made a motion to accept the March 19, 2015 as amended.
Walter Deyo seconded.**

Motion passed. (5 – 0 - 1) Abstained – Patti Doyle

OLD BUSINESS

Alan Cote went out to Howards Grove and felt the tree were the biggest obstacle. He was going to try contacting the owner to see if they would consider cutting the trees down. He was also going to contact Eversource, formerly PSNH, to see if they would cut the trees down. This would provide 200 foot sight distance making it easier to come out of Howards Grove.

NEW BUSINESS

Robyn Tolman – North Shore Rd (Beaver Lake) – Narrow Roads

Alan Cote performed the Traffic Study using a Speed Limit Software as a guide. The results didn't support lowering the speed limit on this road, in fact, it showed that the speed limit should be rated at 35 mph versus the 30 mph that is posted.

Donald Burgess stated that he had seen a study where they had asked people to watch traffic and determine if they were speeding or not. 75% of the people were not able to correctly determine the speed of the vehicle.

Alan Cote added that the Highway Department has installed posts that the Police Department could install their radar device. This device will be used to educate the motorists.

Ed Garone stated that this device was donated to the Town and has proven to be very helpful in these types of situations. The device will record speeds and is programmable so display the appropriate speed for each road.

The Committee was in agreement to send a follow up letter to Mrs. Tolman explaining the efforts being taken to educate the public on their speeds.

OTHER BUSINESS

Peggy & Joe Howard – Howards Grove @ North Shore Rd (Big Island)-Follow up

Alan Cote stated that he had spoken to the homeowner with the trees causing the sight distance concern and Eversource (a.k.a. PSNH). Eversource has agreed to cut the tops of the tree down to below the wires and the Highway Department will remove the trunk. This should improve the sight distance coming out from Howards Grove Rd.

Adopt – Policy & Procedures

Alan Cote had made some grammatical corrections and added Item 5 to Site Review/Concerns section.

**Alan Cote made a motion to adopt the Policy & Procedures as amended.
Seconded by Randy Chase
Motion PASSED (7-0)**

Elections

**Alan Cote nominated Donald Burgess to be Chair.
Seconded by Ed Garone
Motion PASSED (7-0)**

**Alan Cote nominated Walter Deyo to be Vice Chair.
Seconded by Randy Chase.
Motion PASSED (7-0)**

**Randy Chase made a motion to adjourn at 9:17 am.
Seconded by Ed Garone**

Next Meeting is Thursday – May 21, 2015

Respectfully,
Sharon Jensen