

## DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes for August 20, 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.	X	
Randall Chase		X
Mike Houghton, Co-Chair		X
Walter Deyo	X	
Scott Savard	X	
Patti Doyle (School Dept Alt)		X
George Feole (Police Alt)		X
( Fire Alt)		X
Mike Fowler (DPW Alt)		X

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held Thursday, August 20, 2015 at the Derry Municipal Building Center. Meeting was called to order at 9:05 am.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Alan Cote made a motion to accept the May 21, 2015 as presented.  
Walter Deyo seconded.**

**Motion passed. (5 – 0)**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Mike Fowler – East Broadway @ Santander Bank – Crosswalk Signal**

Alan Cote explained the background regarding this request. It was brought to the Town's attention that the two left turning lanes on East Broadway @ Manning St and East Broadway @ Crystal Ave were causing a sight distance issue for motorists and pedestrians crossing East Broadway. It was requested that the Town consider installing a signal controlled pedestrian walk light at East Broadway @ McAllister Court crosswalk.

Motorists and pedestrians need to be aware of their surroundings. Alan felt that installing a controlled pedestrian walk light would cause traffic to back up more than it currently does. Motorists would speed through the light to avoid getting detained for the crosswalk.

Scott Savard asked about what types of crosswalk devices were available.

Alan stated the current Yield to Pedestrian signs get driven over often and the Town is constantly replacing them to the tune of \$120/pp. Motorists need to be courteous to pedestrians,

Mike Gagnon asked if most of the concerns were coming from parents trying to walk their children the Karate Studio on East Broadway. He felt it was a legitimate concern. Is it possible to install a warning light?

Scott Savard asked about installing a flashing light on both sides of the sidewalk?

Alan Cote stated that it would need to be in the middle of the road on the center line for everyone to see it.

Mike Gagnon asked if it could be hung overhead.

Alan Cote added that the downtown does not have any overhead wires and therefore no poles.

Mike Gagnon suggested that the Town contact the karate studio to see if they would assist the town by removing the crosswalk sign during inclement weather to allow for plowing, etc.

Alan Cote felt it was more about educating the downtown vendors of the parking lots that are available for their clients to use. He felt it would be difficult to get people to remember to pick up the crosswalk prior to a storm. He would just need to remove it in the winter.

**Discussion tabled to the September meeting** for the Public Works Department to gather pricing and possible options for a crosswalk sign at this location.

---

**Darren – Union St – No Parking along both sides of Union St.**

Mike Gagnon stated that his fire apparatus is currently unable to get down this road.

Alan Cote felt that the Committee should consider no parking on either the Even or Odd side versus both. Lots on this street are very small and they need to be able to park somewhere. Looking at the road, he felt eliminating parking on the inner side of Union St would be the better choice.

**Discussion tabled to the September meeting** for the Highway Safety Committee to drive down Union St to determine how the committee should proceed.

---

**OTHER BUSINESS**

---

**Creg Cascadden - 73 English Range Rd – Speeding concern**

Creg Cascadden explained that motorists were traveling fast down the road. He was looking for calming options, possibly striping. His wife, while driving the speed limit of 35 mph, had a motorist on her bumper honking the horn. It has happened twice now.

Alan Cote believes that striping has a calming effect on motorists; however it is not politically popular.

Creg Cascadden stated that he was aware that English Range Rd was classified as a scenic road. His wife has contacted the Police Department to see if they could install a traffic counter.

Alan Cote added that the Town has performed traffic counts on English Range Road with in the past year. Currently the Town's traffic counter is out being re-calibrated. Once it is back, he would consider placing out on English Range Rd once the kids were back in school.

Creg Cascadden stated that his home was located at the top of the hill near the power lines where there was a fatal accident about 15 years ago.

**Discussion was table till the October meeting** to allow for the traffic count to be completed.

**Walter Deyo made a motion to adjourn at 9:35 am.  
Seconded by Mike Gagnon.**

**Motion Passed 5-0**

Next Meeting is Thursday – September 17 , 2015

Respectfully,  
*Sharon Jensen*