

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes for September 17, 2015



COMMITTEE MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Tom Caron		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
Tom Landers	X	
Walter Deyo	X	
Scott Savard, Chairman		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, September 17, 2015 at the Derry Municipal Building Center. Meeting was called to order at 9:01 am.

Approval of Minutes

**Walter Deyo made a motion to accept the August 20, 2015 as amended.
Mike Gagnon seconded.**

Motion passed. (5 – 0)

OLD BUSINESS

Mike Fowler – East Broadway @ Santander Bank – Crosswalk Signal

Alan Cote read the email provided by John O’Conner with suggestions of the installation of a lighted crosswalk device. He mentioned that he had not seen this device installed.

George Feole felt it would be a good way to notify motorists that a pedestrian were trying to cross.

Alan Cote mentioned that this cost was not in the current budget and if approved would have to be budgeted next year.

Mike Gagnon questioned if there was something that could be done now.

Alan Cote was not sure, but would mention it to the Public Works Director and see if something could be done.

Tom Landers asked if the flasher had a timer on it.

Alan Cote stated that he felt it would have some way of regulating the length of the flasher. He also mentioned that he had found another device called a “Slender Bender”. He was hesitant to install posts after the Town had spent a lot of money to remove the poles from downtown. Motorists are aware that there are pedestrians walking downtown and adding more signs may not help.

Discussion continues: Public Works will look into the cost and get back to the Committee.

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

The Fire Department provided photos of their fire apparatus trying to get down Union St.

Alan Cote felt No Parking on the inner side of the street would make it easier for fire apparatus to access the homes.

George Feole questioned if the Committee should consider no parking on both sides of the road.

Alan Cote agreed that the road was narrow, however the residents may have visitors and you don't want to restrict them from parking on the street completely. The house lots along Union Street are small lots.

Mike Gagnon was good with No Parking along the even side of Union Street.

Mike Gagnon made a motion to amend the Town Code – Prohibited Parking – Section 150-4 the Town Council to post “No Parking” along the even side of Union Street for the entire length. Abutters of Union Street should be notified of Public Hearing Date.

Seconded by Tom Landers.

MOTION PASSED (6-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Northpoint Engineering – Lou’s Custom Exhaust – 82 Rockingham Rd – Site Review

Matthew Routhier explained the project to the Committee. He mentioned that the driveway would be opposite to Bedard Ave and would include a garage and office.

Alan Cote questioned the sight distance.

George Feole asked if there was a traffic count for the project.

Matthew Routhier explained that the project had great sight distance and didn't anticipate a high volume of traffic in/out of the property given the type of custom work they provide.

Alan Cote explained that the Town usually prefers that the driveway be directly across from a street, however in this case it is not possible.

Mike Gagnon made a motion to notify the Planning Board that the Highway Safety Committee approved this plan as presented.

Seconded by Walter Deyo

Motion PASSED (6-0)

Jaimey Gero – Hemlock Springs @ Overledge Drive Ext – Yield or Stop Sign

Alan Cote read the letter from Jaimey Gero to the Committee.

Alan Cote explained how these two roads meet at a 90 degree bend, similar to Fenway @ Grove St in Derry. In both situations, there is no real reason to control the traffic as there is no cross traffic. MUTCD guidelines do not endorse a Yield or Stop sign at these locations. Who are the motorists yielding to? A Stop sign is not meant to control speeds.

George Feole agreed there were no conflicting movements.

Alan Cote stated that there was signage currently in place. This road is not a cut through. Motorists using this road are familiar with this corner. The width of the road is adequate for the 35 mph speed limit with areas that warrant motorists to slow down.

George Feole felt that there should be a stop sign at this location, as there are two different names at the intersection.

George Feole made a motion to amend the Town Code – Stop Signs – Section 150-10 - Stop Sign to read:

Hemlock Spring Rd @ Overledge Drive Ext.

**Seconded by Jane Simard
Motion Passed (5-1) Alan Cote opposed.**

Hood School – Proposing a Stop sign – Town or School Property

Alan Cote drew a diagram of the Hood School property showing that the proposed Stop sign location was actually within school property. Therefore it would be a private sign. The Police Department would not be able to enforce.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

Motion Passed 5-0

Next Meeting is Thursday – October 15, 2015
Respectfully,
Sharon Jensen