

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes for November 19, 2015



COMMITTEE MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Scott Savard, Chairman	X	
Walter Deyo, Co-Chair	X	
Ed Garone, Derry Police	X	
Mike Gagnon, Derry Fire Dept.	X	
Jane Simard, Derry School Dept.	X	
Randall Chase		X
Vacant		X
Tom Landers	X	
Vacant		
Alan Côté, DPW	X	
David Kelley (School Dept Alt)	X	
George Feole (Police Alt)		X
(Fire Alt)		
Mike Fowler (DPW Alt)		X

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held Thursday, November 19, 2015 at the Derry Municipal Building Center. Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

Approval of Minutes

**Walter Deyo made a motion to accept the minutes of October 15, 2015.
Ed Garone seconded.**

Motion passed. (5 – 0)

OLD BUSINESS

Follow Up – East Broadway @ Santander Bank – Crosswalk Signals

Alan Cote got an estimate for (1) Solar RRFB Crosswalk system from Ocean State Signal Co in the amount of \$7,900.00. Including installation the total cost would be around \$15-\$20,000. The Public Works Department will be adding this to the upcoming budget for consideration.

Alan went on to say that Durham currently has similar crosswalk signage as Derry with the exception of one crosswalk that is located just off the highway. At that location they have a blinking crosswalk sign. He felt that this would also become part of the scenery of time for motorists.

Scott Savard asked the Committee if they wanted to look at other locations.

Ed Garone stated that he remembered the Council receiving legal advice that stated that touched on similar concerns and how to proceed with them. (Central @ South Ave)

Alan Cote stated that all crosswalks are not equal and need to be treated as separately.

NEW BUSINESS

Jonathan Magion – Street light at 3 Butternut Lane

Alan Cote explained to the group that the Town did not illuminate midway along streets with the exception of roads within the Urban Compact Zone. Butternut Lane is a street with 4 houses and low volume. We look to install lights at intersections and he would not support adding a light midway.

Scott Savard questioned how the locations of poles are determined.

Alan Cote explained it is usually during the development process that the locations of the street lights were determined. He requested that the discussion be tabled so that he could take a look at the situation and determine if a light was necessary.

Tabled to December 17th Meeting.

Daniel MacInnis – Stop Sign on High St @ Cedar St

Mr. MacInnis explained his concern to the committee.

Alan Cote explained what was required to have a Stop Sign installed and how the Town measures sight distance at an intersection. Motorists should stop at the stop sign and then proceed with caution into the intersection.

Mr. MacInnis felt that motorists could not see over the rise even when they move forward.

Alan Cote explained that Stop Signs were not meant to control the speeds on a road, but to control traffic at intersections. He would be more likely to attempt to fix a sight distance in this situation.

Ed Garone asked Alan to speak with regards to what is a calming devise.

Alan Cote explained that bump outs and on-street parking were two examples of calming devises. Residents and park along both sides of High St making the road appear narrower causing a calming effect.

Mr. MacInnis realizes that it would be difficult to have a police officer all the time on High St, but would like to resolve it. There is poor visibility coming out of Cedar St onto High St.

Alan Cote requested that the discussion be tabled until the December 17th meeting, so that he could assess the sight distance concern and see what could be done to improve the area.

Tabled to December 17th meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Craig Cascaden – English Range Rd – Speeding concern

Mr Cascaden of 73 English Range Rd wanted to thank Alan Cote for coming out to take a look at the situation.

Alan Cote explained the traffic count that was performed and stated that 68% of the traffic was traveling at speeds of 35 mph or less and only small percentage of the traffic was traveling over the speed limit.

Mr. Cascaden stated that motorists get right on top of you as you are turning into the driveway. Pinkerton runners and residents walk on this road as well.

Alan Cote stated that perception is not always reality. English Range Road would not support bump outs. Center and fog lines do not slow traffic down but keeps motorists on their side of the road. He felt there was not a dramatic speeding concern on the road.

Mr. Cascaden asked what could be done?

Committee took no action

Ed Garone – Staff Reports to Town Council

At the latest Council Meeting there were two requests from the Highway Safety Committee for the Town Council to review. He was requesting that Chair or Vice Chair be at future meeting to present the staff reports to the Council. He just happened to be there for another agenda item and spoke on behalf of the Committee.

Alan Cote agreed that the Chair or designee should be the one to present the staff reports to the Town Council.

**Alan Cote made a motion to adjourn at 10:55 am.
Seconded by Mike Gagnon.**

Motion Passed 7-0

Next Meeting is Thursday – January 21, 2015

Respectfully,

Alan Cote