

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes for September 15, 2016



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
Denise Christoni		X
Tom Landers	X	
John Potucek	X	
Alan Côté, DPW		X
David Kelley (School Dept Alt)		
George Feole (Police Alt)		
Scott Jackson (Fire Alt)		
Mike Fowler (DPW Alt)	X	

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held Thursday, September 15, 2016 at the Derry Municipal Building Center. Meeting was called to order at 9:04 am.

Approval of Minutes

Mike Gagnon made a motion to accept the minutes of August 18, 2016 as presented.

Edward Garone seconded.

MOTION PASSED (3 – 0 – 3) John Potucek, Mike Gagnon, and Mike Fowler abstained.

OLD BUSINESS

Richard Christian – Stop or Yield sign – Beaver Lake Ave @ Coles Grove Rd

Tabled from August 18, 2016

Mike Fowler stated that Alan Cote had performed a traffic study and determined that Beaver Lake Ave had 600 vehicles per day versus Coles Grove Rd that had 200 vehicles per day; indicating that Beaver Lake Rd would be the major road in this case. Alan Cote also provided photos showing the sight distance of the intersection. The photos show that there is adequate sight distance coming out of Cole Grove Rd.

Mike added that there was no guidance in the MUTCD Guidelines stating that the “name of the road” determines it as the major road. Currently there is a Yield sign at Coles Grove @ Beaver Lake Ave and felt that signage was adequate.

Ed Garone questioned which side of the road the current Yield sign was located, as motorists are accustom to looking on the right side of the road for signage.

Mike Fowler stated that the Yield sign is currently located on the left side of the road. He referred back to a photo provided by Alan Cote for the placement. If the Yield sign had been placed on the right side, it would be in the middle of an existing driveway.

Ed Garone questioned if it was possible to maybe place the Yield sign further back on Coles Grove Rd or consider painting “Yield” on the street. He also questioned if anyone knew of another intersections similar to this in Town.

Mike Fowler stated that North Shore Rd @ Beaver Lake Rd comes to mind. In this scenario Beaver Lake Rd yields to North Shore traffic.

Ed Garone made a motion to refer the signage concern to the Highway Division.

Mike Gagnon seconded.

MOTION PASSED (6 – 0)

No other action was taken by the Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Adams – Wood Ave – Street light in cul-de-sac

Mike Fowler stated that there were currently 965 street lights in Derry with most of them at intersections. The Town typically doesn’t install lights in cul-de-sacs or mid-street.

Ed Garone made a motion to approve the request for a street light on Wood Ave.

Seconded by John Potucek

MOTION FAILED (0 – 6)

Dorothy Theriault – Drew Rd – Slow Children Sign and Reduce Speed Limit

Ed Garone mentioned that the Police Department has been out there with radar monitoring speeds on Drew Rd.

Mike Fowler stated that Alan Cote had recently provided a traffic study of Drew Rd. Another factor may be that the road was recently paved.

Ms. Theriault also requested a “Children at Play” sign be installed. The Town doesn’t endorse these types of signs as they have been found to be ineffective in slowing traffic down.

Mike Fowler made a motion to recommend the Children at Play sign on Drew Rd.

Seconded by Tom Landers

MOTION DENIED (0 – 6)

Discussion regarding the request to reduce speed limit was tabled to the October Meeting to provide the traffic study to be completed.

OTHER BUSINESS

John Polucek – Stop signs - Sunset Cir @ Sunset Ave and Sunset Ave @ Sunset Cir

Mike Fowler stated that this topic should be tabled until the October meeting to afford the secretary an opportunity to provide minutes from previous decisions on this matter.

John Polucek – Stop signs – Cemetery Rd @ Church St

Mike Fowler stated that this topic should be tabled until the October meeting to afford the secretary an opportunity to provide minutes from previous decisions on this matter.

Ed Garone made a Motion to adjourn at 9:25 am.

Seconded by Tom Landers

MOTION PASSED (6 – 0)

Next Meeting is Thursday – October 20, 2016

Respectfully,
Sharon Jensen