

## **DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Minutes for February 21, 2019



<b>COMMITTEE MEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Scott Savard, Chairman	X	
Jim Roddy, Co-Chair	X	
Ed Garone, Derry Police	X	
Mike Gagnon, Derry Fire Dept.	X	
Jane Simard, Derry School Dept.		X
Alan Côté, DPW	X	
Walter Deyo		X
Ronald Goldthwaite	X	
Randall Chase	X	
Vacant		
Jeremy Lamothe (School Dept Alt)		
Patti Doyle (School Dept Alt)		
George Feole (Police Alt)		
Scott Jackson ( Fire Alt)		
Mike Fowler (DPW Alt)		

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held Thursday, February 21, 2019 at the Derry Municipal Building Center. Meeting was called to order at 9:04 am.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Alan Cote made a motion to approve the October 18, 2018 minutes as presented.  
Seconded by James Roddy**

**MOTION PASSED (6 – 0)**

NOTE: No December 2018 or January 2019 meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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### **Pinkerton Academy – Site Review – Secondary Entrance/Exit onto Tsienneto Rd**

Cory Dubois, Paul Konieczka, Engineers from Fuss & O'Neill and Dr. Tim Powers, Headmaster of Pinkerton Academy were at the Highway Safety Meeting to discuss the secondary entrance/exit onto Tsienneto Rd.

Cory Dubois opened the meeting by explaining the project in its current layout.

Paul Konieczka then went on to explain the traffic analysis and felt there would be minimal change.

Ronald Goldwaite mentioned that he lives over in that area of town and there were more than 10+ vehicles cued to take the left down to Pinkerton just this morning while he was coming to the meeting.

Alan Cote stated that currently pedestrians are parking on campus but then need to cross Rt 28 By Pass to get to the building. Tsienneto Rd however, is outside the campus property and with Exit 4A going in, there will be a painted island located in the same location that the secondary access will be.

Students coming from Candia, Auburn and Hooksett will continue to come down By Pass 28 and consider taking a right onto Tsienneto Rd then a left to enter the Senior parking lot. This could possibly cause a cuing concern on Tsienneto Rd. He felt that very few students would consider going down Rt 93 to the new Exit 4A and be able to turn right into the parking lot.

Seeing that Paul Konieczka was also one of the engineers working on the Exit 4A project, Ed Garone quested what the intent of the painted island was with regards to the Exit 4A project.

Paul Konieczka stated that the painted island is to channel motorists into the correct lane(s).

Ed Garone mentioned that currently, Pinkerton uses flaggers within the parking lots to control the traffic flow. Flaggers would not be permitted on Tsienneto Rd.

Scott Savard questioned the engineers if they had considered making the secondary access an exit only route.

Dr. Tim Powers felt that by adding more parking on campus it is reducing the on-street parking around the school.

Randy Chase wanted to know how the traffic would be managed after major events such as a football game.

Dr Tim Powers stated that it would be handled the same way it is currently only quicker with the second exit.

Randy Chase felt that people were creatures of habit and they don't like to be waiting in a cue but would go prefer to go around if it meant they could be moving.

Scott Savard questioned if there could be a 20-mph speed limit put in place.

Alan Cote stated that the parking lot is private property and the Town has no authority.

Ed Garone questioned Paul Zonieczka if it would be wise to have a break in the painted island in that location.

Paul Zonieczka stated that breaks like what you are talking about are usually only used based on volume. The current traffic analysis doesn't warrant that at this time.

Cory Dubois added that there will be gates in place and only opened during peak school hours.

Ed Garone mentioned that he did not see a problem.

Randy Chase felt that over time the students will go whichever way is easiest for them.

Alan Cote questioned if there were any plans to have lights at the intersection.

Cory Dubois mentioned that there were lights on the plan, but would not bleed over onto Tsienneto Rd.

Ed Garone asked if they considered adding a traffic light on a timer since they will not be able to have a flagger stopping traffic on Tsienneto Rd.

Alan Cote felt that it would not be feasible to install a traffic light there due to proximity to the current light.

Alan Cote asked Cory Dubois if they had considered having a dedicated left/right turning lanes.

Cory Dubois felt that there would not be enough room to widen the entrance to allow for an additional lane as it was a tight fit between some wetlands and their Blg & Grounds Office.

Alan Cote questioned if they would consider closing the gate in the afternoons and channel the motorists to exit onto By Pass 28.

Dr. Tim Powers stated that is what Pinkerton is currently doing. By having the second exit, it will allow us to clear the parking lots quicker and reduce the congestion.

Alan Cote then suggested making the Tsienneto Rd exit a right turn only.

Dr Tim Powers stated that he would prefer not to do that.

Scott Savard asked Dr. Tim Powers if they could stagger the release time.

Dr. Tim Powers responded back with there are currently 3,000 students and 40 buses that are trying to exit from the school. Currently they have a system in place that it does flow quickly.

Ed Garone asked if they had considered adding a warning sign that could flash only during the heavy commute times for 20-30 minutes in the morning and then again in the afternoon.

Alan Cote felt that was a good idea as once Exit 4A has been built there will be new motorists traveling the road so having a warning sign would be a good idea.

Cory Dubois asked Ed Garone if they should hire a Police Detail.

Ed Garone felt that hiring a police detail would be expensive over time and it would not be fair to the school to require them to do that. He did say that it would be wise on the occasions that there is a big event going on.

Paul Zonieczka felt that the Town could reassess the intersection after it is in place, if it is causing a cuing issue.

Alan Cote felt that correcting the problem after it has been installed is difficult and would prefer to look at alternatives now prior to it being constructed.

Randy Chase felt that Pinkerton has been doing a great job policing their parking lots and we should continue to let them do their own policing.

Mike Gagnon has been an advocate of adding this secondary access point. It will assist the Fire Department to have this route to access the campus to allow for a quicker response time should a fire occur.

Three (3) recommendations were made:

**Alan Cote made a recommendation to have Pinkerton Academy install advanced warning lights on Tsienneto Rd in an Westerly and Easterly direction near the secondary entrance/exit.**

**Seconded by James Roddy  
MOTION PASSED (7-0)**

**James Roddy made a recommendation that Pinkerton Academy luminate the intersection.**

**Seconded by Alan Cote  
MOTION PASSED (7-0)**

**Alan Cote made a recommendation that Pinkerton Academy add a dedicated Left/Right turning lane at the proposed entrance.**

**Seconded by Scott Savard  
MOTION FAILED (2-5)**

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**Michael Colarusso – Change No Parking to No Stopping/Standing – Hoodcroft Rd**

Michael Corarusso sent an email requesting that the No Parking signs along Hoodcroft Rd between Corwin Dr and Pinkerton St be changed to No Stopping/Standing signs due to motorists waiting for their children to get out of school.

Alan Cote stated that the section of road mentioned was posted as “No Parking” on both sides of the road due to proximity to the school.

Ed Garone read the definition of “Parking” from the Town of Derry Code Book.

*“The standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, upon a street or highway, adjacent to the curb or otherwise, other than temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading and unloading or in obedience to traffic regulations or traffic signs or signals.”*

**No action was taken by the Committee**

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**OTHER BUSINESS**

Reminder – **Upcoming Elections** – Members who are appointed to the Committee must renew their membership with the Town Clerks Office. Appointments will be presented to the Derry Town Council at one of the March Council Meeting.

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**Alan Cote made a motion to adjourn at 9:35 am.  
Seconded by Randy Chase**

**MOTION PASSED (8 – 0)**

Next Meeting is Thursday – March 21, 2019

Respectfully,  
*Sharon Jensen*