

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes for March 21, 2019



COMMITTEE MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
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, March 21, 2019 at the Derry Municipal Building Center. Meeting was called to order at 9:03 am.

Approval of Minutes

**Alan Cote made a motion to approve the February 21, 2019 minutes as presented.
Seconded by Edward Garone**

MOTION PASSED (8 – 0)

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Dennis Lacourse – Sight Distance Railroad Ave @ Friendship Center

Scott invited Dennis LaCourse up to the table to speak.

Dennis represents the “Friendship center” on Railroad Ave. He spoke of the desire for the board to consider placing ‘no parking’ signs on Railroad Ave in front of the center. He stated guests of the center have a difficult time safely exiting their lot because of a blocked view from parked cars.

Chief Garone mentioned that the street really was in need of “no parking” along one side or the other, with preference on the west side of the street for true safety. He stated there is a law in place preventing parking that would “impede orderly flow of traffic”.

Randall Chase agreed with the chief since it is sometimes impossible to get fire apparatus from one end to the other, including ambulances.

Alan Cote mentioned one possible way to resolve it was to pass an ordinance for no parking just in front of the center.

Chief Gagnon mentioned that historically the Town has been reluctant to take away any parking because businesses feel that takes away potential business. He stated that it would be very likely the loudest complaints would actually come from the Friendship Center clients themselves, wishing for convenient parking.

Alan Cote concurred with that sentiment.

Dennis LaCourse agreed and would speak to his board of directors about promoting “in house” guest parking recommendations with emphasis placed on strongly encouraging guests to take advantage of the municipal lot on Wall St, which is a very short distance from the center.

Mr LaCourse was invited to come back in the future if the problem persisted.

The board agreed that no action on the request was needed at this time.

Scott Savard made a motion to adjourn at 9:31 am.

Seconded by Walter Deyo

MOTION PASSED (8 – 0)

Next Meeting is Thursday – April 18, 2019

Respectfully,
Jim Roddy