# DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE Minutes for August 15, 2013



Committee Member	Present	Absent
Tom Caron, Chairman	X	
Alan Côté, DPW		X
Ed Garone, Derry Police	X	
George Klauber, Derry Fire Dept.		X
Jane Simard, Derry School Dept.	X	
Randall Chase	X	
Mike Houghton		X
Donald Burgess	X	
Walter Deyo	X	
Matt O'Malley	X	
Patti Doyle (School Dept Alt)		
Vern Thomas (Police Alt)		
Mike Doyle (Fire Alt)		
Mike Fowler (DPW Alt)	X	

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held Thursday, August 15, 2013, at the Derry Municipal Building Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

# **Approval of Minutes**

Chief Garone made a motion to accept the July 18, 2013 as presented. Randy Chase seconded.

Motion passed. (7 - 0 - 1) Randy Chase abstained.

OLD BUSINESS

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

## Michael Glejzer – Sargent Street – Release of Public Servitude

Mike Fowler explained that Sargent Street was created in 1902 as a paper street. By law the Town of Derry had 20 years to formally accept the street as a public way. It doesn't appear that the Town had ever done that. The Town of Derry doesn't have clear title of this paper street. Public Works and the Assessing Department feel that resident should have a title search done before presenting the request to the Town Council.

Walter Deyo asked how many paper streets there were in the Town.

Mike Fowler stated that there was between 30-40 paper streets in Town. Over his 9 year tenure he recalls only a handful of requests. The Town recently received a Release of Public Servitude for Lawrence Street. It took three (3) Town Council meetings to resolve ownership and release public servitude.

Donald Burgess stated that he tried to locate Sargent St and didn't find a road, instead he found some land and a fence.

Chief Garone made a motion to table the discussion till clear title is established.

Seconded by Walter Deyo MOTION Passed (8 – 0)

## David Fencer - Floyd Road - Reduce Speed Limit and No Truck sign

The members read the letter submitted on July 25<sup>th</sup> from Mr. Fencer of 8 Floyd Rd.

Matt O'Malley asked how the Town determined the speed limits within Town.

Chief Garone stated that it was governed by State RSA guidelines that are used to determine the speed limits in various areas.

Donald Burgess said that he drove to Floyd Road and didn't see many speeding vehicles go by while he was there. He also mentioned that he didn't see any speed limit signs when coming from Hampstead Road.

Mike Fowler stated that he would have the Highway Division take a look to see if there was adequate signage. He then stated that back in September 2012 a traffic study was performed and at that time there were roughly +/- 1600 vehicles traveling on this road weekly, which is considered low volume.

Randy Chase felt it would be a good idea to perform another one to validate if the speed should be lowered on the road.

Donald Burgess mentioned that Mr. Fencer's also requested a "No thru Trucks" be posted as well.

Mike Fowler stated it would not be feasible to post the road as "No thru trucking" without an engineering study. The Town does post Seasonal weight limits on various roads in the spring to allow for the frost to come out of the road. He felt that Floyd Road was in good condition and likely would not warrant posting "No thru trucking".

Chief Garone made a motion to table the discussion till after a traffic count could be performed.

Seconded by Randy Chase MOTION Passed (8 – 0)

### OTHER BUSINESS

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 am

Next Meeting is Thursday – September 19, 2013 Respectfully, Sharon Jensen