

## **DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Minutes for May 19, 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	
Dennis McGinnis		X
Tom Landers	X	
John Potucek	X	
Alan Côté, DPW	X	
David Kelley (School Dept Alt)	X	
George Feole (Police Alt)		
( Fire Alt)		
Mike Fowler (DPW Alt)		

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held Thursday, May 19, 2016 at the Derry Municipal Building Center. Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Ed Garone made a motion to accept the minutes of April 21, 2016.**

**Randy Chase seconded.**

**Motion passed. (4 – 0 – 1) Jane Simard abstained.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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### **Brad Russell – E Broadway – Crosswalk Concern**

Alan Cote provided the Committee with an update on the Lighting Study. It turns out that the lighting at this location doesn't meet Federal standards. The Public Works Office is working with the company who recently completed the study to determine what is necessary to meet the codes.

Ed Garone questioned if the LED lights that were recently installed for us to meet the Federal Standards.

Alan stated that changing out street lights to LED's was an energy savings project. With regards to the sidewalks, he felt it that residents needed to be educated. He would love to see a sign that stated "Stop, Look, Wait, Walk" at crossways downtown.

Ed Garone stated that he had grant funds for education.

Randy Chase made a motion to table the discussion to the June meeting.

Seconded by Ed Garone.

MOTION PASSED. (6-0)

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### **Charles Ronchetti Jr. – Pierce Ave – Speed limit sign or speed bumps**

Alan Cote performed a traffic study and the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile of the traffic was traveling at speeds of 40.5 mph. The median speed was 28.2 mph. Over the week, there were 1877 cars or roughly 938 vehicles traveling up/down Pierce Ave. A detailed traffic report will be provided to the Police Department to determine the best hours of patrol.

Ed Garone stated that he lives in the area and the youths mufflers are very loud, which is part of the problem as well. The loud muffler sound brings attention to them.

Alan Cote felt that adding a speed limit sign would not be productive.

The Highway Safety Committee does not endorse speed bumps as they cause other issues/concerns. He felt enforcement was the key.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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### **Daniel Gray – Sunnyside Ln – No Parking/Tow Zone in cul-de-sac**

Ed Garone understood his frustration with keeping a cul-de-sac well maintained. If there are unregistered vehicles parking in the cul-de-sac, that is an enforcement issue and he will have someone check it out.

Randy Chase felt it was common courteous to not park in the center and damage Town property.

Ed Garone stated that his Department would prefer to stay out of neighborhood disagreements, but this is concerning Town property.

Mike Gagnon questioned if this concern was even a Highway Safety concern.

Ed Garone stated that this was not a safety issue.

Randy Chase made a motion that the Committee takes no action at this time.

Seconded by Jane Simard.

MOTION PASSED: (6 – 0)

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### **Dubay Group – 10 A Street – Site Review**

No show – will table to June Meeting.

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## **OTHER BUSINESS**

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### **John Potucek – Jaywalkers**

The JAYWALKERS who continually cross Crystal Avenue illegally to go to church at whatever time they go. I rarely see anyone EVER using the crosswalk provided. I also see parents pushing their children out in front of them to cross illegally, so that it FORCES automobile drivers to stop so that they do not hit the children. This bothers me and I believe that it must be addressed before someone else is killed, especially now that there will be more commercial buildings in that area of Crystal Avenue.

Ed Garone stated that the legal definition of jaywalking to crossing between 2 controlled lights and we don't have that circumstance in Derry. (RSA 265:35 and 265:36)

**Alan Cote made a Motion to adjourn at 9:34 am.**  
**Seconded by Randy Chase.**  
**MOTION PASSED: (6 – 0)**

Next Meeting is Thursday – June 16, 2016  
Respectfully,  
*Sharon Jensen*