## DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes for August 17, 2017


| COMMITTEE MEMBER | PRESENT | ABSENT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Scott Savard, Chairman |  | X |
| Walter Deyo, Co-Chair | X |  |
| Ed Garone, Derry Police | X | X |
| Mike Gagnon, Derry Fire Dept. | X |  |
| Jane Simard, Derry School Dept. |  | X |
| Randall Chase | X |  |
| Jim Roddy | X |  |
| Ronald Goldthwaite | X |  |
| Alan Côté, DPW |  |  |
| David Kelley (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, August 17, 2017 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 July 20, 2017 minutes as presented.
Seconded by George Feole
MOTION PASSED (6-0 - 1) George Feole abstained.

## OLD BUSINESS

## Danielle Merrill - Speeding concern - Kendall Pond Rd

Danielle was not present at the meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

## Jared Vaughn - Goodhue Rd - Dangerous Curve

Mr. Vaughn explained his concern to the committee. He moved into Derry about a year ago and has seen many close calls in front of his home on Goodhue Rd. He went on to photos of trucks traveling in the middle of the road to while trying to make the curve between $75 \& 81$ Goodhue Rd. The perfect example of this occurring was the accident back on July $31^{\text {st }}$ that took place on a clear sunny day. Goodhue Rd is a major cut through for motorcycles, passenger vehicles and box trucks traveling between Rt 28 and Rt 111. He is in favor of center lines and/or posting additional signage along the Road. Currently there are arrows and chevron signs indicating that a curve is coming up, but it doesn't advise the motorist of the severity of the curve. Motorists truly need to slow down to make this corner safely. He provided photos and suggestions to the group.

Alan Cote felt Mr. Vaughn made a great presentation.
Walter Deyo questioned if the Town could limit the truck traffic on Goodhue Rd.
Alan stated that the Town can place weight limits on various roads, but could not prohibit trucks on the road. He liked the suggestion for an advisory curve sign to be posted in both directions. He stated that the Public Works Department could install advisory curve signs at both ends of the curve.

Mr. Vaughn stated that he had not seen a Police presence on Goodhue Rd over the past year and would be open to an officer sitting in his driveway.

Walter Deyo questioned Mr. Vaughn if there was a particular time of the day that the traffic concern was worse.

Mr. Vaughn stated that it was the usual commuter times - morning; noon and later in the day when residents are returning home in the evening.

Alan Cote stated that the Public Works Department can put out the traffic counter and provide the results to the Police Department.

Mike Gagnon questioned why the Town would not install a Dangerous Curve sign.

Alan Cote stated that he would want to speak to the Town's Attorney to see what the Town's liability would be if we posted a sign of that nature. He would prefer to post a Curve 20 or 25 mph sign, which would be advisory of a sharp curve ahead.

## Alan Cote made a motion to install advisory " 25 mph curve" signs at both ends of the curve and perform a traffic count. <br> Seconded by Walter Deyo <br> MOTION PASSED (7-0)

## Wendy Gleason - English Range Rd - Speeding

Wendy Gleason explained that English Range Rd had a similar speeding concern as Goodhue Rd. She went on to explain that she was a lifelong resident of English Range Rd and has seen the traffic increase over the years. She also provided photos of the roadway.

Alan Cote explained that English Range Rd was different than Goodhue Rd as it doesn't have the hair-pin turns. The road is also currently posted with a 30 mph speed limit.

Wendy Gleason stated that motorists coming up the hill have taken out her mailbox, thrown trash and empty liquors bottles along the side of the road as well as on her property. She also mentioned that English Range Rd was widely used as a cut-through.

Alan Cote stated that the Public Works Department would set up a traffic counter to determine what the traffic is actually traveling along this road and at what times.

Wendy Gleason requested a "speeds strictly enforced" sign or some other similar sign. Motorists are surprised when they come around the bend and see her out on the side of the road getting her mail. Many accidents have occurred on this road. It is not a quiet scenic roadway.

Alan Cote explained that Slow Children and/or Blind Driveway signs have been proven to be ineffective and does not slow motorists down. They provide the residents with a false sense of security.

Dianne, a neighbor of Wendy's, stated that she was on the Go Green Committee and picked up 75 nips along the side of the road within a 1 mile stretch of her home on English Range Rd. Growing up on the road, she remembers the see more police presence; however, has not seen the same level of police presence in the past few years.

## Alan Cote made a motion to put the traffic counter out. Seconded by George Feole <br> MOTION PASSED (7-0)

## Chris Ritter - Humphrey Rd - Reduce Speed Limit to 30

Mr. Ritter came into the Public Works Office with his concern with speeding along Humphrey Rd.
Alan Cote mentioned that the Highway Division was improving the sight distance at the intersection of Humphrey Rd @ Cemetery Rd. He went on to say that Cemetery Rd was posted at a 30 mph speed limit. Humphrey Rd has two (2) sharp bends as well, one is right at the entrance to Don Ball Park. He felt that Humphrey Rd speed limit should be reduced to 30 mph , which would be similar to the neighboring roads in that area.

George Feole questioned if we should post advisory curve signs along this road.
Alan Cote stated that Humphrey Rd has much lower traffic volume and is only a half mile long.

# George Feole made a motion to reduce the speed limit on Humphrey Rd to 30 mph . Seconded by Jane Simard. <br> MOTION PASSED (7-0) 

## OTHER BUSINESS

Alan Cote made a motion to adjourn at 10:24 am.<br>Seconded by Walter Deyo<br>MOTION PASSED (7-0)

Next Meeting is Thursday - September 21, 2017
Respectfully,
Sharon Jensen

