

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes for October 19, 2017



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	
Jim Roddy	X	
Ronald Goldthwaite	X	
Jared Vaughn	X	
Alan Côté, DPW	X	
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, October 19, 2017 at the Derry Municipal Building Center. Meeting was called to order at 9:05 am.

Approval of Minutes

Jim Roddy made a motion to approve the September 21, 2017 minutes as presented.

Seconded by Ronald Goldthwaite

MOTION PASSED (6 – 0 – 2) Randy Chase, Alan Cote abstained.

OLD BUSINESS

Wendy Gleason – English Range Rd - Speeding

The Police Department provided a report, which was generated by portable reader that was placed out in front of Ms. Gleason's home on English Range Rd. **Results of report – A total of 3,236 vehicles passed over English Range Rd between 10/7-10/12 (6 days) with the 85% percentile of the traffic traveling at 41 mph.**

It reported that the 85 percentile of the traffic was traveling at 41 mph, which was actually slower than the original data provided at a previous meeting from 2015.

Alan Cote felt that this report confirmed that the traffic has remained the same over the past 2 years. Based on the two reports, someone could request that the speed limit be increased; however that is not what has been requested.

Jim Roddy felt it boiled down to education.

Scott Savard agreed that it was a Police enforcement issue, but there wasn't much more that this Committee could do at this time.

Update: George Feole contacted the company to confirm how the portable reader gathers its information. He found out that the counter only records information in one (1) direction and not in both directions.

NEW BUSINESS

Doug McGuire – Dubay Group – Shepard Landing (Nutfield Ct)

Doug McGuire passed out a traffic study and site plan for a new project to be considered by the Town on Nutfield Ct in Derry. Currently Nutfield Ct is a private road. The plan is to bring the road up to Town standards by widening the driveway entrance from 20' to 24' wide, install additional drainage, catch basins, granite curbing and change the road pitch. The current proposal is to build 32 townhome units.

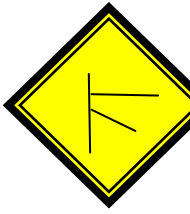
They had done a traffic study which shows that they will be well below capacity for the roadway. However, they have determined that 2 waivers will be needed to bring the road up to town standards. The first waiver would be for the driveway entrance – currently there is a 75 degree radius and town standard is 80 degrees.

Alan Cote felt that the 75 degree would not be an issue due the limited truck traffic being proposed but would suggest installing an advisory sign.



In the site plan, it shows an advisory sign (W1-10) to be installed on Nutfield Ct. (shown on the left)

Alan Cote suggested that they install a custom sign that identifies the actual configuration of the intersection. He drew an example as shown on right. >>



The second waiver would be for the minimum slope. Currently, the road is very flat with only 1% pitch versus the Town standard of 1½%. In the site plan, it shows that we are proposing to add additional drainage culverts along the road to allow for adequate runoff. The soils have been tested and there is adequate drainage, which is why there have not been any issues with the road as originally constructed.

Alan Cote felt the road pitch would be adequate.

Doug McGuire stated that there had been a site plan back in 2016 proposed on this property. The new layout shows updates to be incorporated to meet Town standards. Originally, the proposal was to install 30 apartments, where as they are now proposing to build 32 town homes instead.

Scott Savard asked if this was an over 55 community.

Doug McGuire stated that this development was not an over 55 community.

Randy Chase felt that the only sight issue that he could see would be for motorists coming down South Ave heading in an easterly direction onto Highland Ave.

Doug McGuire stated that they were considering painting a stop bar.

Alan Cote felt that adding pavement markings would not solve the sight distance issue because the placement of the stop bar would be approximately 40 feet back. Motorists would assume that they will have adequate sight distance from that location and pull out from that location.

Doug McGuire would like to have this committee weigh in on the 2 waivers that they will be presenting to the Planning Board.

It was the general consensus of the Highway Safety Committee that they would not have an issue with allowing, the 1% road pitch over the 1.5% pitch or the 75 degree driveway radius over the Town standard 80 degree required.

They would also recommend that an advisory sign be installed on South Ave in an easterly direction notifying motorists of the location of Nutfield Ct.

Eric Beaudry – Pond Rd – Request for a Street Light (illuminate road)

The Committee read the email provided by Eric Beaudry of Pond Rd. While the Committee agreed it is a dark area, the Town doesn't endorse mid-block lighting. Currently they endorse having street lights at intersections.

Alan Cote also added that there is an expense to installing additional streetlights and some residents have requested that there be fewer street lights on municipal roads.

Scott Savard questioned if there was currently a light at the intersection of Rt 102 @ Pond Rd.

Alan Cote stated that there was. He added that one could say that we should install a street light at Gallien's Beach however; the Town has not had any security issues at that location.

**Alan Cote made a motion to have a street light installed mid-block on Pond Rd.
Seconded by James Roddy
MOTION DENIED (0 – 6)**

OTHER BUSINESS

**Alan Cote made a motion to adjourn at 9:55 am.
Seconded by Jim Roddy
MOTION PASSED (8 – 0)**

Next Meeting is Thursday – November 16, 2017

Respectfully,
Sharon Jensen