

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes for November 19, 2020



COMMITTEE MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Scott Savard, Chairman	X	
Jim Roddy, Co-Chair	X Via Zoom	
Ed Garone, Derry Police	X Via Zoom	
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
Jacob Pelletier		X
Jeremy Lamothe (School Dept Alt)		
Patti Doyle (School Dept Alt)		
George Feole (Police Alt)		
Jim Richardson (Fire Alt)		
Mike Fowler (DPW Alt)		
Vern Thomas		

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at the Derry Municipal Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the August 20, 2020 meeting were reviewed.

**Alan Côté made a motion to approve the August 20, 2020 minutes as printed.
Seconded by Water Deyo. No further discussion.**

MOTION PASSED (6– 0).

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Doug MacGuire – The Dubai Group – Peabody Road Annex - Site Plan Review.

Mr. MacGuire explained the layout of the existing office building and parking lots. The plan expands the site to add contractor bays and additional infrastructure with increased parking. The driveway and parking lot will also be reconstructed to add pitch thus improving the drainage. The contractor bays themselves will be 24' X 24' units with a 16' overhead door and an adjacent man door. A circulation loop will have a dumpster on the corner of pavement. The design features erosion protection, landscaping, meets buffering requirements for the rear, pole mounted LED lights, and green space requirements.

Alan Côté indicated that the Highway Safety Committee exists to ensure public safety on public ways. He questioned the ability of a 24' box truck ability to turn left. Doug indicated that 99% of the traffic will be taking a right to exit the driveway. The exit angle is slightly less than 90°. Doug stated they could extend the radii. Alan Côté stated that it meets the 80° angle requirements, so that is not necessary.

Scott Savard asked Mr. MacGuire about the current driveway grade. The new driveway does not exceed 10% grade and the intersection will be flattened out. Scott Savard asked what the break over point is as fire trucks sit low. Chief Gagnon stated that the project was reviewed by the TRC and the Derry Fire Department had no concerns. Doug further explained that the original driveway had an incline of 8% which was abrupt. The incline will now start at 2%, then increase more gradually to 5%.

Jill Jamro asked Mr. MacGuire to email the plans presented via Zoom for our records.

Alan Côté made a motion that the Highway Safety Committee has no concerns from a safety standpoint regarding this project. Jill to send a copy of these minutes to the Planning Board. Seconded by Walter Deyo.

MOTION PASSED (6– 0).

Chief Garone stated that he is very much in favor of a less than 90° angle and that the new design will discourage traffic from cutting through to Hood Plaza.

Scott Savard asked if there were any other business items. None were brought forth.

**Alan Côté made a motion to adjourn at 10:27 am.
Seconded by Walter Deyo.**

Motion passed (6-0)

The next meeting is Thursday, December 17, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Jamro, Recording Clerk