

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes for January 21, 2021



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

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at the Derry Municipal Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the November 19, 2020 meeting were reviewed.

**Alan Côté made a motion to approve the November 19, 2020 minutes as printed.
Seconded by Ron Goldthwaite. No further discussion.**

MOTION PASSED (9– 0).

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Marc Siragusa and Jerry Siragusa – The Siragusa Group – 45 & 49 South Main Street - Site Plan Review. Stephen G. Pernaw attended the meeting via Zoom.

Mr. Marc Siragusa explained that his parents have owned and operated the Circle of Friends Daycare for 38 years. They are working with the Planning Department for change of use of approval for events and lodging. The trip analysis is dated December 21, 2020 and the overall trips are expected to decrease at the proposed site.

Alan Côté indicated that he reviewed the traffic study and had no questions. He explained that site plan reviews are done by the Planning Board. His only question was the amount of parking spaces available for the venue. The parking calculations referenced a 1500 square ft function space and 50 square ft per parking space for a total of 30 parking spaces. The site plan shows a 5,000 square ft event tent which equates to 100 spaces at 50 square ft per space. Mr. Marc Siragusa stated that there would be adequate on-site parking. He stated that they are adding 21 parking spaces and they will end up with 48 or 49 parking spaces for use at their site.

Mr. Marc Siragusa stated that they will have an indoor function space of approximately 1,500 square feet which will allow a maximum occupancy of 150 people. Steve will adjust to accommodate a dance floor, lodging overnight and 1 ½ person per room. Alan Côté stated that the Planning Board will review that information. His only question from a Highway Safety standpoint is if there will be adequate on-site parking to accommodate 150 guests and staff for a bed and breakfast.

Chief Garone stated that his concern would be parking on Route 28. If parking does occur on Route 28, the Derry Police Department would vigorously pursue implementing parking bans. He stated that the speed of traffic and potential pedestrians trying to cross a busy road would be a bad mix.

Mr. Marc Siragusa indicated that they are contemplating shuttling people back and forth to the site. Chief Garone stated that shuttling would improve the situation.

Alan Côté stated that from a Highway Safety standpoint, he wants it to be clear on the record that the concern is adequate parking on site.

Scott Savard asked Mr. Jerry Siragusa about graduations from the Circle of Friends Daycare. Mr. Jerry Siragusa answered that at their peak, they had 130 children graduate and that approximately 300 to 400 people attended. Attendees parked at both of their South Main Street properties, on Humphrey Road, and on Route 28. The Derry Police Department and Derry Fire Departments were always given advance notice of the events, which happened once per year. Mr. Jerry Siragusa stated that they will prevent parking on Route 28 in the future.

Alan Côté stated that no one wants to see a tragedy. He stated that a copy of the draft minutes would go to the Planning Board. No other action is needed.

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

**Alan Côté made a motion to adjourn at 10:14 am.
Seconded by Scott Savard.**

Motion passed (9-0)

The next meeting is Thursday, February 18, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Jamro, Recording Clerk

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