

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes for June 16, 2022



COMMITTEE MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Scott Savard, Chairman	X	
Daniel Healey, Co-Chair	X	
Ed Garone, Derry Police		X
David Eastman, Derry Fire Dept.	X	
Jane Simard, Derry School Dept.		X
Alan Côté, DPW	X	
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Walter Deyo	X	
Ronald Goldthwaite	X	
Randall Chase		X
Jeremy Lamothe (School Dept Alt)		
Patti Doyle (School Dept Alt)		
George Feole (Police Alt)	X	
Jim Richardson (Fire Alt)	X	
Mike Fowler (DPW Alt)		
Vern Thomas		

In attendance:

Mrs. Norma Tridenti – 15 Chester Road.

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held on Thursday, June 16, 2022, at the Derry Municipal Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the April 21, 2022, meeting, were reviewed.

**Alan Côté made a motion to approve the April 21, 2022, minutes as written.
Seconded by Ronald Goldthwaite.**

MOTION PASSED (8-0).

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Mrs. Norma Tridenti – 15 Chester Road (102) – request to amend 150-6 Limited Parking rules (please see attached), to no parking or two-hour parking 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Mrs. Norma Tridenti stated that she has come to the Highway Safety Committee to address the parking situation along Chester Road, specifically outside Hillside Estates. She has lived at this address for 37 years. The vehicles parked alongside Chester Road create a safety issue for residents walking or bicycling. She stated that there are seven commercial vehicles, four of them typically park on the eastbound side and three of them park westbound. The commercial vehicles are parked from Friday at 3pm to Monday morning at 7am, all weekend long without moving. From November to April there is a winter parking ban overnight, however, many vehicles never moved. Mrs. Norma Tridenti stated that she has called the Derry Police Department several times and that the parking restrictions during the school year seems to be unenforceable. Upon calling, an officer did chalk a vehicle tire and the vehicle was later ticketed. The Derry Police Department should be routinely chalking the vehicles, and that she should not have to community police the parking restrictions.

Alan Côté explained that the Highway Safety Committee tries not to recommend more restrictive parking. However, one solution may be to work on removing the continuously parked vehicles at night. He would propose no parking year-round overnight 10pm to 5am. First Student parks along Chester Road during the day. Preventing parking during the day would cause undue hardship for employees of First Student and for residents that may have a party or a cookout. This is a high-volume and high-speed road.

Mrs. Tridenti stated that she has witnessed many near misses.

Alan Côté responded that the proposal from Thornton Street to Pond Road would eliminate singling out a certain group. It would also result in vehicles off the street for winter plowing operations.

Scott Savard explained that the Highway Safety Committee is an advisory board to the Town Council. Alan Côté explained that a public hearing would occur. Jill Jamro stated that she will notify Mrs. Tridenti via email when that is scheduled.

Scott Savard asked if the restriction should be from the rotary on. Alan Côté replied no, as there is designated parking already for the pizza restaurant and that he recommends Thornton Street to Pond Road.

Scott Savard stated that there is a covenant of no commercial vehicles or motorcycles. Mrs. Tridenti stated that they are written into the Hillside Estates condo association by-laws. Mrs. Tridenti asked if registered vehicles from Massachusetts are allowed to park so freely in NH. There is one truck that is used as a tool shed. Captain Feole stated that there are no restrictions for Massachusetts or out of state vehicles from parking on NH roads/streets.

Alan Côté stated that prohibiting parking from 10am to 5pm is a cleaner solution, and a longer window where the police may have more of an opportunity for enforcement.

Scott Savard stated that there is a school restriction for parking in place.

Alan Côté stated that the school restriction would stay. 10pm to 5am is the darkest part of the night and parking presents more of a safety concern. There is better visibility during the day. This proposed restriction will eliminate the regular permanent parking that is occurring.

Mrs. Tridenti stated that she has even seen a motorhome parked there and trash as well. Alan Côté replied that blue bags are provided by the Transfer Station, and she can call the Derry Public Works Department to schedule pickup.

Mrs. Tridenti stated that the situation is out of control now, and that she has pictures of 7 commercial vehicles and 3 motorcycles.

Scott Savard asked if anyone else has any input.

Dan Healey asked about the other nearby streets, his concern is that Nesmith Street is very narrow. Alan Côté explained that Nesmith Street already has prohibited parking. Dan Healey asked where the commercial vehicles park in the winter (motorcycles would be in storage). Alan Côté stated that the vehicles parking overnight should be towed versus a minimal fine.

Captain Feole stated his concern is where the residents are going to park these vehicles. They live on Silvestri Circle, they need to park somewhere nearby. Alan Côté stated that the residents may need to go to their condo association and request that their by-laws be changed. Scott Savard stated that this may force the condo association to review their by-laws.

Ron Goldthwaite stated that there is a slight curve when you come up the hill resulting in sight line obstructions, and he questioned why parking is allowed at the rotary. Alan Côté replied that the issue is speed and vehicles are traveling at a much slower speed at the rotary. There are marked spaces that we do not want to eliminate. It is 40mph before Pond Road.

Captain Feole explained that if you can see the speed limit sign, that is the legal speed limit. You do not have to wait until you pass the speed limit sign to increase or decrease your speed.

Scott Savard asked if there is a motion to be made.

**Alan Côté made a motion to recommend prohibited parking from 10pm to 5am, on the easterly side of Chester Road (102) beginning at Thornton Street northerly to the intersection at Pond Road and on the westerly side of Chester Road (102) beginning at Pond Road southerly to the intersection at Thornton Street.
Seconded by Dan Healey.**

MOTION PASSED (7-1), with Ronald Goldthwaite opposed.

Jill Jamro to create the staff report to send to Scott Savard for signature.

**Alan Côté made a motion to adjourn at 9:27 am.
Seconded by Walter Deyo.**

MOTION PASSED (8–0).

The next meeting is Thursday, July 21, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Jamro, Recording Clerk