

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes for August 18, 2022



COMMITTEE MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Scott Savard, Chairman		X
Daniel Healey, Co-Chair via Zoom	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 for agenda item #1 Site Review – 140 Rockingham Road:
Mr. Timothy Peloquin, LLS – Promised Land Survey, LLC.

In attendance for agenda item #2 – 148 Rockingham Road:
Mr. Timothy Peloquin, LLS – Promised Land Survey, LLC.

In attendance for agenda item #3 – Belle Brooke Lane @ Olesen Road.
Mr. Mike Stankus, resident at 9 Olesen Road.

Zoom – Dan Healey.

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held on Thursday, August 18, 2022, at the Derry Municipal Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:05am.

Approval of Minutes

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

**Alan Côté made a motion to approve the July 21, 2022, minutes as written.
Seconded by Deputy Chief George Feole.**

MOTION PASSED (5–0). David Eastman & Ronald Goldthwaite abstained.

OLD BUSINESS

Limited Parking Ordinance for Chester Road shall take effect 30 days after its passage.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Site Review – 140 Rockingham Road –Hyla Book Barn – a new driveway to serve a new wedding venue.

Mr. Tim Peloquin presented the project on Route 28 and stated that this location is near the Robert Frost Farm and directly across from Rockingham Acres. This will be a high-end wedding venue. The Zoning Board of Adjustment has approved the plan. They have presented at the Technical Review Committee (TRC) and are awaiting signatures. On September 7th, the project will go before the Planning Board.

Mr. Stephen Pernaw conducted the traffic study, he was unable to attend today's meeting. Hyla Brook is a famous Robert Frost poem. The wedding venue will have a white barn type of look. There is ample sight distance and they have been working with the NH DOT. The tops of both hills are visible, and no turning lanes are needed. David Eastman asked for clarification, regarding large trucks such as fire apparatus if there are any issues or hazards. Mr. Tim Peloquin stated that there are no hazards.

From a DPW perspective, there are no issues. Alan Côté stated that their peak business times will not be during peak travel times.

Motion made by Alan Côté that Jill Jamro, Recording Clerk, will send the draft meeting minutes to the Planning Board that the Highway Safety Committee has reviewed the site plans and has no objections. Seconded by Deputy Chief George Feole. No further action to be taken.

MOTION PASSED (7–0).

- 2) Site Review – 148 Rockingham Road – Bridgeway Church – proposed addition and expired parking area.

This project is also on Route 28 and abuts the Chinese restaurant. The first round of the TRC was conducted last March. The TRC requested more paved parking and a new leach field as a result of the addition. The Site Plan is still being created for the Planning Board. There will be a second round at the TRC.

The Bridgeway Church is adding to the back of their building to change their sanctuary by adding more classroom space and plan to increase their services from one to two. There is a parking issue currently.

The paving is the gray area on the site plan, this is dedicated parking. They may be asking for a waiver to improve their parking. The main entrance is the same and faces Route 28.

A traffic analysis was conducted. Currently, traffic exits onto Lawrence Road, and there is a one way out. Promised Land is proposing only one way in, and they are asking the church to reverse their sign.

Alan Côté asked if there would be improvements made to Lawrence Road such as cutting back the vegetation. Deputy Chief George Feole asked if their client has agreed, and Mr. Tim Peloquin answered yes.

David Eastman stated that 20 feet for a one way is required per the state fire code. Mr. Tim Peloquin answered that they will make the one way 20 feet.

Motion made by Alan Côté that Jill Jamro, Recording Clerk, will send the draft meeting minutes to the Planning Board that the Highway Safety Committee has reviewed the site plans and has no objections. Seconded by Deputy Chief George Feole. No further action to be taken.

MOTION PASSED (7-0).

- 3) Mr. Mike Stankus – 9 Olesen Road – request to have a stop sign installed at the end of Belle Brook Lane @ Olesen Road.

Mr. Mike Stankus stated there is good sight distance heading south. However, when looking toward the North, there is not adequate sight lines. He indicated that this is a safety hazard, with many walkers and children in the area. He stated that there is also a school bus stop at that corner for Pinkerton Academy.

Alan Côté asked if he thought there was an issue with speed of traffic. Mr. Mike Stankus replied that some vehicles are speeding, some are not. The best case is that he sees a rolling stop.

Alan Côté explained that typically stop signs are put at intersections when it is absolute necessary to come to a complete stop. Sometimes a yield sign can be installed if warranted but not every intersection has a sign, as it is not needed.

Mr. Mike Stankus stated that he would even go for a yield sign.

Deputy Chief George Feole asked Alan Côté if there is anything Derry Public Works could do to address sight lines, such as tree trimming. Alan Côté stated that he would go out and measure the sight distance. He recommends that this topic be tabled until the next meeting.

Walter Deyo stated that he lives in this area and that it is mostly neighborhood traffic that is not paying attention. He thinks that a yield sign may be beneficial.

Deputy Chief George Feole stated that he is more concerned with lack of visibility which may be a potential for traffic issues.

Motion made by Deputy Chief George Feole to table this topic until the September 15, 2022, meeting for further discussion. Seconded by Alan Côté.

MOTION PASSED (7–0).

4) Mary Donnelly (Brennan & Amy Donnelly) – 44 Adams Pond Road – not present.

Alan Côté stated that he will measure the sight distance. He is curious about the accident history in this location. The stop sign should be installed on a subordinate street and is not normally installed on a thru street. Deputy Chief George Feole will compile accident history data for the past two years prior to the next Highway Safety Committee meeting.

Motion made by Alan Côté to table this topic until the September 15, 2022, meeting for further discussion. Seconded by Deputy Chief George Feole.

**Alan Côté made a motion to adjourn at 9:29am.
Seconded by Walter Deyo**

MOTION PASSED (7–0).

The next meeting is Thursday, September 15, 2022, at 9am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Jamro, Recording Clerk