

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes for January 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	
Denise Christoni		X
Tom Landers		X
Vacant		
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, January 19, 2017 at the Derry Municipal Building Center. Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

Approval of Minutes

Alan Cote made a motion to approve the October 20, 2016 minutes as amended.

Seconded by Randy Chase

MOTION PASSED (5 – 0 – 1) Jane Simard abstained.

Alan Cote made a motion to approve the December 15, 2016 minutes as presented.

Seconded by Randy Chase

MOTION PASSED (4 – 0 – 2) Jane Simard, Randy Chase abstained.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Pinkerton Academy – Flashing Crosswalk Signs

Ryan Robinson & Tim Powers from Pinkerton Academy presented their proposal to install solar powered crosswalk devices on Pinkerton St and By-Pass 28 to the committee. These signs would be pedestrian activated.

Alan Cote explained that these were the same crosswalk signs that the Town has been looking at to purchase for East and West Broadway.

Mike Gagnon questioned if the crosswalk signs would be in addition to the crossing guards.

Ryan Robinson stated that the school has many after school activities that the crossing guards are not available. So the crosswalk signs would be in addition to the crossing guards.

Ed Garone questioned if Ryan or Tim has actually seen these signs in operation.

Ryan Robinson stated that they were currently being used up at UNH, but they have them constantly flashing versus pedestrian activated as we are proposing.

Alan Cote agreed that the pedestrian activated idea made sense as the constantly flashing sign may become part of the scenery and blend in.

Ed Garone mentioned that they are also using these signs in Hanover NH.

Mike Gagnon asked about the cost for the device.

Alan Cote had received a quote for \$7,200 per crossing, but it didn't include installation. He also asked Ryan to contact Dig Safe as well as the Public Works Office prior to installing these devices as the Town is not belong to Dig Safe and need to make out water and sewer lines.

Ed Garone questioned if this needed to go before the Town Council for approval.

Alan Cote felt that the crosswalk flashers were considered warning signs, which were similar to Bus Stop, Crosswalk, and Chevron signs. These types of signs have not had Council approval prior to installation. These signs only need Highway Safety approval.

Mike Gagnon asked when Pinkerton was planning to install the devices.

Tom Powers stated it would be in the spring, once we get all the approvals.

Alan Cote made a motion to endorse the request to install flashing crosswalk signs at the crosswalks on Pinkerton St and the crosswalk near the field house on By-Pass 28. A memo will be addressed to the Town Administrator requesting guidance if it should go before the Town Council.

Seconded by Ed Garone

MOTION PASSED (6-0)

Jonathan Brush – Floyd Rd – Blind Driveway & Centerlines

Walter Deyo read the letter from Jonathan Brush regarding his safety concerns and request to have a Blind Driveway sign and center lines be installed on Floyd Rd.

Alan Cote mentioned that Floyd Rd was currently on the list of secondary roads that the Town Council was considering striping.

Walter Deyo was surprised that all secondary roads were not already striped, as it makes the roads safer for motorists.

Alan Cote added that the Highway Safety Committee did not endorse installing Blind Drive signs. Studies have found that installing Slow Children and/or Blind Driveway signs are ineffective in reducing the speed of motorists and give homeowners a false sense of security.

It was mentioned that a letter be sent to the Mr. Brush stating the outcome of the discussion. No further action was taken by the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

Alan Cote made a motion to adjourn at 9:20 am.

Seconded by Ed Garone

MOTION PASSED (7 – 0)

Next Meeting is Thursday – February 16, 2017

Respectfully,

Sharon Jensen