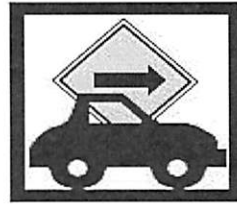


## DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes for December 21, 2023



COMMITTEE MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Scott Savard, Chairman	X	
Ronald Goldthwaite, Co-Chair	X	
Chief George Feole, Derry Police	X	
Chief Jim Richardson, Derry Fire	X	
Superintendent Alan Côté, DPW	X	
Jane Simard, Derry School Dept.		X
Walter Deyo, Citizen Member	X	
Randall Chase, Citizen Member	X	
Jodi Nelson, Citizen Member	X	
Jeremy Lamothe (School Dept Alt.)		X
Patti Doyle (School Dept Alt.)		X
Director David Eastman (Fire Alt.)		X
DPW Director, Mike Fowler (DPW Alt.)		X
Captain Vern Thomas (Police Alt.)		X
Captain David Michaud (Police Alt.)		X

In attendance:

Nicole Duquette, the engineer from Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (GPI) - Site Plan Review – 56 Crystal Ave – Common Man Roadside with 6 fuel dispensing islands.

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held on Thursday, December 21, 2023, at the Derry Municipal Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:03am.

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the October 19, 2023, meeting, were reviewed.

**Alan Côté made a motion to approve the October 19, 2023, minutes as written.**

**Seconded by Walter Deyo. One correction to remove the extra word Alan on the last page.**

**MOTION PASSED (7–0) with Jodi Nelson abstaining.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

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Chief Feole provided an update on North Shore Road and Beaver Lake Ave. He stated that Alan's crew have installed the bases and posts for the solar power radar speed signs. If a vehicle is traveling 32 mph or faster, it will flash the words Slow Down, Too Fast. He stated that he hopes that the speed signs alleviate the concerns of the neighborhood and stated that the project is now complete. Jim Roddy stated that this is excellent and thanked Chief Feole and stated that hopefully the signs will be effective.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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### **1) Common Man Roadside with 6 fuel dispensing islands - 56 Crystal Ave – Site Plan Review.**

Nicole Duquette stated the proposal is to raze the former Wendy's restaurant building and construct an almost 5, 000 square foot Common Man Roadside with six fuel dispensing islands. The proposed site is similar to the one in Manchester on South Willow Street and Goffs Fall Road, there is one in Plymouth, and one at the Epsom Circle.

The proposed one for Derry has a deli and convenience store but no drive thru. There will be eating inside and a patio outside.

The site has two existing driveways. The northern access point will be shifted further away from the intersection of Crystal Ave and Manchester Ave for a full access driveway to the site. The southern driveway will be shifted to the south and be reduced to a right-out only egress for delivery drivers, fuel tanks, and emergency vehicles. There will be no driveway access from Manchester Ave.

Alan Côté stated that he reviewed the plans and that he has no huge concerns. This was a Wendy's before, and the increase in traffic will be minimal due to the fuel pumps.

Chief Richardson stated that Derry Fire has no concerns.

Chief Feole stated that he did look at the signs and there will be a do not enter sign on the southern access. Chief Feole asked Ms. Nicole Duquette about improvements. Ms. Nicole Duquette answered that they are replacing all the sidewalks.

Chief Feole asked if there will be an EV charging station? Ms. Nicole Duquette answered no, that the site is not conducive to EV's as they require 8-10 spaces. She stated that in the future there may be universal charges installed. Chief Feole stated that he has no concerns.

**Alan Côté made a motion that Jill Jamro sends a copy of the draft minutes to the Planning Department and to Ms. Nicole Duquette, that the Highway Safety Committee has no concerns regarding the plan.**

**Seconded by Chief Feole.  
MOTION PASSED (8–0).**

Scott Savard asked if the flashing yield signs were brought up to the Highway Safety Committee before? Alan Côté stated that the costs would be high. Chief Feole stated that for the pair of lights just installed on North Shore Road the cost was \$8,000. Alan Côté stated that the flashing beacon lights are about \$10,000.

Chief Richardson stated that he sees aggressive drivers at the rotary every day.

Scott Savard stated that he knows that the FY 2024 budget is spoken for, but he wants to be able to say that the Town did everything in their power to increase the safety of the rotary.

Alan Côté stated that flashing yield signs will not mitigate the intersection and that we would not recommend spending tax dollars on something that may have no measurable value. He further stated that they have yield signs ahead of the rotary, yield signs at the rotary, and yield signs painted on the road.

Chief Richardson stated that some vehicles travel fast so they can get through the rotary and not have to wait.

Alan Côté stated that normally flashing yields are installed when the yield is unanticipated (when the road is straight ahead). Drivers know that you have to yield at rotaries.

Scott Savard asked about the status of the safety study.

Background: In September 2021, the Highway Safety Committee made a recommendation for a safety audit through the SNHPC which was not granted for the rotary as it did not meet the criteria. Alan Côté stated that Mike Fowler would enter in funds for the FY 2025 budget for a safety study of the rotary. This is contingent upon Town Council approval.


**Alan Côté made a motion to adjourn at 9:21am.**  
**Seconded by Randall Chase.**

**MOTION PASSED (8–0).**

The next meeting is Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 9am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jill Jamro, Recording Clerk

Adopted January 18, 2024.

  
Ronald Goldthwaite  
Highway Safety Committee Co-Chair