

## **DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Minutes for April 18, 2019



<b>COMMITTEE MEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Scott Savard, Chairman	X	
Jim Roddy, Co-Chair	X	
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
Jacob Pelletier	X	
Jeremy Lamothe (School Dept Alt)	X	
Patti Doyle (School Dept Alt)		
George Feole (Police Alt)		
Jim Richardson (Fire Alt)		
Mike Fowler (DPW Alt)		

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held Thursday, April 18, 2019 at the Derry Municipal Building Center. Meeting was called to order at 9:03 am.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Alan Cote made a motion to approve the March 21, 2019 minutes as presented.  
Seconded by Jim Roddy**

**MOTION PASSED (7 – 0)**

## OLD BUSINESS

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None

## NEW BUSINESS

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### Election of Officers

Chairperson:

Jim Roddy nominated **Scott Savard** for Chair. Seconded by Mike Gagnon – Motion PASSED (6-0-1)

Vice-Chairperson:

Ed Garone nominated **Jim Roddy** for Vice-Chair. Seconded by Alan Cote – Motion PASSED (6-0-1)

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### Georgia Beludo – Autistic Child Go Slow Sign – Pierce Ave

Georgia Beludo presented her concern before the committee for consideration. Having an Autistic child, she is concerned about the vehicles and the speeds in which they travel down Pierce Ave.

Alan Cote explained that speed limits are set based on the MUTCD Federal Guidelines. The only way to further reduce a speed limit is to perform a formal traffic study. If asked if the it was recommended that a sign be installed that she notifies the Town when she or her child were no longer living on the property.

Jim Roddy questioned that committee with regards to the average age group of the people going to the park. He stated that he only went there in the winters to take his kids sledding.

Alan Cote stated that it is primarily young teens.

Ed Garone stated that he agreed with Alan's statement that signs become part of the scenery. Pierce Ave has primarily young drivers traveling that road and feels their may be other measures that she could try to make it safer for her son. Over the years the traffic can fluctuate, and selective enforcement has also help to slow activity down. Hood Park was another location that also goes up/down.

Jim Roddy felt that responsible drivers will drive responsibly and questioned if the sign could be relocated ever few months to bring attention to it.

Georgia Beludo felt it was more obvious when she goes to get her child on the bus first thing in the morning between 7:30-7:45 there are 3 cars with no kid in them and they are very impatient. Similar concern later in the afternoons around 3:15-3:30. She does see the officers on the road. She stated that there was currently Playground sign and asked if an Autistic could be added.

Alan Cote stated that two (2) sign would not fit on one pole and be at the proper height to ensure motorists could see them.

Mike Gagnon mentioned that there are many autistic children in Derry and once we put up one autistic sign, multiple requests will follow.

When the kids grow up/more away the sign remains long after the child has grown up. He also mentioned that she might have a sticker on her child's window identifying that there is a child living in the home and the Fire Services have found that the sticker is not removed once the child has grown. They are now suggesting that the sticker be placed on the bottom corner of their bedroom door.

Scott Savard asked Alan Cote about the proposed improvements for the Alexander Carr building and if it would include a traffic study.

Alan Cote stated that there would not be a traffic study for the improvements; however, they are hoping with the improvements to attract senior to use the building as well. This could help discourage the younger adults and have a positive impact.

**Jim Roddy made a motion to install an Autistic Sign on Pierce Ave.  
Seconded by Alan Cote  
MOTION DENIED – (0-9)**

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### **Wendy Camillieri – Pedestrian Concern – Tsienneto Rd @ No. Main St**

Wendy Camillieri originally sent her concern regarding pedestrians almost getting hit crossing at the intersection to the NHDOT as this intersection is also considered By Pass 28.

William Lambert from the NHDOT forwarded it to us here in Derry as it falls inside the Urban Compact Zone and is maintained by the Town of Derry.

Alan Cote was not sure if there was a dedicated turning lane at that location.

Ed Garone stated that it was originally striped as a 2-lane road, however recently when they striped the intersection there is 3-lanes. He suggested adding a flashing “No Right Turn” sign when the pedestrian pad is activated.

Alan Cote mentioned that this intersection is part of the Exit 4A Project and the committee may want to “table” the discussion until more information regarding how the intersection will be impacted.

The State's current time line for the Project is to start in 2020 and complete by 2022.

Jim Roddy felt that it was the Driver's responsibility to know the law with regards to the right turn on red.

Ed Garone felt that there were other intersections that could benefit from an added flashing "No Right Turn" sign when the pedestrian pad is activated.

Alan Cote asked if the Police Department could keep an eye on this intersection to identify if motorists are turning while people are in the crosswalk and he will get a cost of installing a flashing "No Right Turn" sign.

**Alan Cote made a motion to table discussion to the next meeting.**

**Seconded by Jim Roddy**

**MOTION PASSED (9-0)**

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### **Marissa O'Neill – Unsafe Road Concern – Humphrey Rd**

Marissa O'Neill sent an email to the Highway Safety Committee requesting that the speed limit be lowered to 30 mph like Cemetery Rd.

It was determined that this request was discussed at the September 2017 Town Council Meeting and approved. The signs however were not installed. The new speed limit signs were installed the week of April 15, 2019.

No further discussion.

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### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Ed Garone mentioned that the Police Department recently received a 50/50 Highway Safety Grant and was able to purchase four (4) Radar Signs and would like this committee to help identify the best locations.

He went on to explain that these signs were similar to the portable radar signs but were solar powered and could be installed permanently.

After considerable discussion it was suggested to install the devices at the locations listed below:

- Route 102 (East Broadway) by Golf Course
- Route 102 (West Broadway) by Marion Gerrish Community Center
- By Pass 28 near Derry Village School
- Hampstead Rd @ Fire Station

Alan Cote mentioned that the DPW was purchasing a new traffic counter. The original one was purchased 19 years ago by the Police Department through a grant they had received.

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Jim Roddy made a motion to adjourn at 10:50 am.  
Seconded by Alan Cote

**MOTION PASSED (8 – 0)**

Next Meeting is Thursday – May 16, 2019

Respectfully,  
Sharon Jensen