

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes for March 19, 2026



COMMITTEE MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Scott Savard		X
Chuck Tinkham		X
Chief George Feole, Derry Police	X	
Interim Chief Greg Laro, Derry Fire		X
Superintendent, Clint Havens, DPW	X	
Jane Simard, Derry School Dept.		X
Jacob Coughlan, Citizen Member		X
Walter Deyo, Citizen Member	X	
Ronald Goldthwaite, Citizen Member	X	
Jodi Nelson, Citizen Member		X
Jeremy Lamothe (School Dept Alt.)		X
Patti Doyle (School Dept Alt.)		X
Fire Marshal David Eastman (Fire Alt.)	X	
DPW Director, Tom Carrier (DPW Alt.)		X
Captain Vern Thomas (Police Alt.)		X
Captain David Michaud (Police Alt.)		X
Randall Chase, Town Council Liaison	X	

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held on March 19, at the Derry Municipal Center. Chief Feole called the meeting to order at 9:08am.

In attendance:

Sam Fazioli – Derry Engineering Coordinator

Jim Roddy – Derry resident

Jim Dietzel – Derry resident

Need to appoint permanent Chair at next meeting, Chief Feole will Chair today's meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the October 16, 2025, meeting, were reviewed. No edits noted.

Clint Havens made a motion to approve the October 16, 2025, minutes. Seconded by Walter Deyo.

MOTION PASSED (4-0-2). Abstain by Eastman and Goldthwaite due to not being in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

Citizen members are reminded to be sworn in by visiting the Town Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Haas Dental Associates – 4 Manchester Ave, Derry. No representatives from Haas present in the meeting. Chief Feole read the submittal provided for the installation of a flashing crossing light in the vicinity of 39 Crystal Ave. Chief Feole notes having reviewed the existing condition and that Haas has dual locations that the staff goes between requiring the crossing of Crystal Ave. Superintendent Havens notes that installation in this location will result in an increase of requests throughout Town. Mr. Deyo questions if the installation of a flashing light could result in additional accidents. Chief Feole notes that no increase of accidents at this location is noted at this time. Mr. Fazioli notes that the installation of a flashing light at this location is in line with published guidance. Chief Feole notes that he will support it. Mr. Havens questions the timing of the proposed “Grind House” restaurant on Crystal Ave between Gibbs and McDonalds and what future impacts that may have. It was noted that this committee is advisory only, and that costs would need to be supported by Department budgets.

Chief Feole made a motion to recommend installation as submitted. Seconded by Walter Deyo. Motion passes (6-0-0).

- 2) Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission – Anthony Summers presenting. The SNHPC traffic counting program was presented via slideshow and the services offered to communities within the region. Following presentation it was noted by Chief Feole and Mr. Goldthwaite that there were discrepancies in data between NH DOT publicly available information for their traffic counting and SNHPC’s counting program. Chief Feole emphasized the importance of equality in data samples. Members noted it was good to know this data exists and could be requested in the future.

No motions necessary. Informational only.

- 3) 58 Damren Road, Derry – Judith Dompierre. Ms. Dompierre not present. Chief Feole read the submittal provided for multiple requests for traffic safety improvements on Damren Road. 1. Installation of a stop sign at the exit of Hidden Valley RV & Golf Park. 2. Reduction in posted speed limit from 35 to 30 mph. 3. Placement of “Hidden Drive” signage near residences around #58-60 Damren Rd. 4. Consideration of temporary traffic calming devices to reduce excessive speed. Mr. Fazioli noted that the Town has no identified jurisdiction on the driveway to/from Hidden Valley RV & Gold Park and further questions the volume year round vs seasonally. Chief Feole identified that enforcement was an issue needing legitimate signage and that statues exist for yielding when entering the roadway from private property. It was noted that one speed limit sign is present when traveling from Hampstead Road. Mr. Havens will work to install the data tracking tubes to collect accurate information on speeds and vehicles on the roadway. Chief Feole notes one of the requests was for hidden drive signage. Mr. Fazioli noted that the Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices does not recognize such signs. Councilor

Chase noted that may "worse" hidden drives exist in Town and installation here would open up requiring more installations. Mr. Havens noted that property owners may purchase their own signage. Chief Feole referenced the speed reduction devices requested. Councilor Chase noted that these present dangers themselves.

Matter was tabled, awaiting the collection of data by DPW. Mr. Havens will bring back the information gathered at the June meeting of the Highway Safety Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

Urban SDK – Mr. Deyo questioned the status of the Urban SDK program. Chief Feole noted he is in correspondence with Mr. Mason and that the current estimate is a price of \$27,000 annually.

**Mr. Deyo made a motion to adjourn.
Seconded by Mr. Havens.**

MOTION PASSED (6–0).

Respectfully Submitted,
David Eastman, Fire Marshal

Adopted: August 20, 2026


Highway Safety Committee Chair /co-chair