

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes for May 21, 2026

Present:

Scott Savard, Chair
Clint Havens, Superintendent DPW
Jacob Coughlan, Citizen Member
Walter Deyo, Citizen Member
Ronald Goldthwaite, Citizen Member
Captain David Michaud, (Police Alt.)
Randall Chase, Town Council Liaison
Sam Fazioli, Engineering

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held on May 21, 2026, at the Derry Municipal Center. Scott Savard called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes from the previous Highway Safety Committee meeting will be on the next agenda.

Nominations

Walter Deyo nominated Scott Savard as Chairman. Seconded by Ronald Goldthwaite. Scott Savard accepted the nomination. **Passed 7-0**

Scott Savard nominated Ronald Goldthwaite as Vice Chairman. Seconded by Jacob Coughlan. Ronald Goldthwaite accepted the nomination. **Passed 7-0**

New Business

- 1) Sarah Garvin (not present) - Requesting the need for a lighted crosswalk at the Marion Gerrish Community Center at 39 W. Broadway. Motorists in this area are not adhering to the 30-mph posted speed limit, which further increases the difficulty in crossing the street at this location.

Clint Havens discussed this request with the Town Administrator given his knowledge and background. A crosswalk at this location was not recommended after that discussion as it provides a false sense of security to pedestrians, creating a safety concern. Clint Havens explained that the other 5 cross walks from Birch St to Maple St line up with blocks. Clint said there was already a solar lit 30 mph zone sign for that area and this would be police enforcement.

Sam Fazioli said he agreed with Clint Havens that mid block crossing outside the downtown area was not safe. He also expressed concern about the location of the requested cross walk in relation to the hill heading out of town towards the highway. Sam Fazioli said he had measured the distance to a cross walk from this location was no more than 600 ft.

Motion:

Clint Havens motioned to recommend a mid block crosswalk at 39 W. Broadway.

Ronald Goldthwaite seconded the motion.

Motion did not pass 0-8

- 2) Deborah Sullivan (not present) – Requesting two BLIND driveway signs and posted speed limit at her residence - 99 Rockingham Road

Clint Havens noted that the applicant was concerned with the speed of traffic and anticipated increase in traffic due to the construction at Residence of Skye. The neighbor at 97 Rockingham Rd also had 8 cars parked in their yard impeding visibility.

Scott Savard said there were speed limit signs already in place nearby on Rockingham Rd.

David Michaud drove by the address given and did not find the location to be a blind driveway.

Clint Havens said the widening of the roadway was happening across from the address given.

Scott Savard said the criteria was not met for a blind driveway and speed limit signs are appropriately posted.

Clint Havens will contact the resident to advise them of the outcome of the discussion.

Sam Fazioli said the roadway was very recently striped after the roadwork that was completed and thought this may help with traffic speeds and patterns.

- 3) Jack Webb (present) – 25 Drew Woods Dr. & At Large Town Councilor

Request states - Has received several complaints about the safety of Old Chester Road, Beaver Lake Road, and Cross Road Intersection. These complaints are about accidents, speeding, and near misses at this intersection.

Jack Webb said he had received some complaints with residents suggesting trimming the vegetation back and possibly installing a 4 way stop at this intersection.

David Michaud said after review of the accidents over the last 3 years at this intersection, there were 7 accidents with the cause being failure to yield. After driving by the intersection,

he did note that the drivers stopped at Cross Rd would need to pull past the stop sign to be able to see oncoming traffic due to bushes. The suggestion was made for the Town to approach the resident about the bushes creating the issue.

Clint Havens will approach the resident at 1 Cross Rd in reference to trimming the bushes to improve line of sight.

Scott Savard recommended asking that the Town be permitted to cut bushes and address the issue further if necessary.

Jack Webb said this was a prudent approach and he would let the residents who approached him know as he was able.

- 4) 12 A St – Project proposal to develop the site located at 12 A Street into a two-story industrial building with a footprint of 20,500+ square feet and 47 parking spaces

No one was present at the meeting.

- 5) 10 Manchester Rd - GR Development, LLC is the applicant proposing the redevelopment of the property at 10 Manchester Rd and plans to construct a new car wash facility.

Pat McLaughlin, Frank Doherty and Bob Bollinger were present to discuss the proposal of a new car wash facility at this location. Discussion continued on flow of traffic, entering/exiting as well as cleaning up the parking and curbs at this location as show on the plans presented.

The applicants stated that NH DOT had issued a permit based on the plan submitted.

The applicants explained the diagram of traffic flow as shown on plans presented and explained that access points that would remain and which ones would be removed. The applicants also explained that there would be 360 degree access for safety purposes.

Discussion continued reference easements or agreements with the abutting property currently Applebees but the applicants stated there was no formal agreement or easement in place and any rites were lost when the owners changed.

Ronald Goldthwaite asked if there was any bail out lane once traffic entered the wash line.

Pat McLaughlin said the bail out was through the vacuum area or around the outside of the building.

Randall Chase said an easement with Applebees would allow people to leave through the light to go North on Manchester Rd.

Pat McLaughlin said this was analyzed and assessed and the DOT approved sole access with no easement.

Frank Doherty said they planned to continue their attempt to establish communication with Applebees but there was limited success so far.

Discussion continued on the safety of taking a left on Manchester Rd out of Tinkham Ave. The median is currently broken at this location so left or right is possible.

Randall Chase likes the proposal and had no concerns.

Clint Havens has concerns with the left turn out of Tinkham Ave onto Manchester Rd.

Scott Savard has no concerns in relation to the Highway Safety Committees review of this proposal.

- 6) Ann Flanagan and Joseph Hackett (neither present) — 59 North Shore Rd, requesting a streetlight on pole 4A 125-11, dark street, high speeds and a blind spot. They find it too dangerous to walk their pets at night

Clint Havens said the applicants had approached Eversource and Dennis Aiken of Eversource was ok with the proposed location. Clint Havens said he also supported this request and the location of the requested street light as the roads were very narrow and there were lots of lights on other parts of the lake roads.

Scott Savard asked if the Town of Derry would be paying for the street light if installed and if the neighbors were in favor.

Clint Havens said he had not contacted abutters but generally these requests came from a group residents.

Sam Fazioli said the lights were low profile.

Clint Havens said the cost was \$250 - \$550 depending on which light was installed. Eversource would install the arm and the Town of Derry pays for the head.

Motion:

Clint Havens motioned to allow a street light at the intersection of North Shore Rd and Jenny Dickey on Pole #4A 125-11.

Walter Deyo seconded the motion.

Motion passed 8-0

- 7) Greenman-Pederson, Inc (GPI) — Cafua Management Co., LLC is the applicant proposing the redevelopment of the existing property at 57 Crystal Ave and plans to renovate the existing bank building from a one-tenant building to a two-tenant building containing a new bank and a Qdoba sit down restaurant.

Scott Bonfanti and Bob Bollinger were present to discuss the proposal and explain the diagrams for traffic. Scott Bonfanti said there were 4 ways to access the property that would not be changing with the new plans. There are currently 35 parking spaces where 32 are required.

Scott Savard asked if there would be a drive thru.

Bob Bollinger said Qdoba would not have a drive thru but the Bank would have an ATM drive thru. He also explained that Qdoba had no breakfast menu so there would be no traffic at that time of the morning aside from Bank traffic.

Bob Bollinger said this property was not under DOT jurisdiction and the right in/right out due to the median would help with traffic control. He also noted the multiple access points for this property which would help disperse any traffic that did arise.

Clint Havens noted that the 4A project that is currently underway may impact this property.

Bob Bollinger said there was limited site frontage impact on the current 4A plans.

David Michaud said TRC hasn't seen the plans for this proposal yet. As the Highway Safety Committee is only an advisory board the recommendation was withhold advice until this plan had been to TRC.

Clint Havens suggested that the plan be brought to Highway Safety in the future if there was changes to the proposed plan and access(s) were removed.

Scott Bonafanti said the Planning Board had recommended they bring the plan to Highway Safety and they were trying to follow the correct path.

Randall Chase said Highway Safety would have concerns if access(s) were removed.

New Business:

Scott Savard brought forward the recommendation that solar lit yield signs be installed at the rotary.

Discussion continued on cost of the signs and effectiveness with the amount of traffic and layout of the rotary.

Motion:

Scott Savard motioned to have the Town of Derry look into placing flashing yield signs at the 5 entrances of the rotary.

Jacob Coughlan seconded the motion.

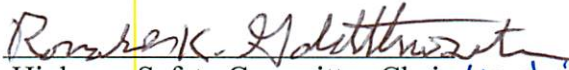
Motion passed 7-0, Randall Chase abstained

Scott Savard motioned to adjourn, Clint Havens seconded the motion. All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 10:20am.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucy Peoples

Adopted: August 20, 2026


Highway Safety Committee Chair /co-chair