

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes for August 20, 2026



COMMITTEE MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Scott Savard, Chair		X
Ronald Goldthwaite, Co-Chair	X	
Chief George Feole, Derry Police	X	
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	
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 David Michaud (Police Alt.)		X
Randall Chase, Town Council Liaison		X

Also in attendance:

Sam Fazioli, Town of Derry Engineering Coordinator,

Ms. Deborah Sullivan, resident at 99 Rockingham Road. Ms. Ann Marie Putnam, Fairways resident, here regarding 99 Rockingham Road.

Ms. Jennifer Marino, resident at 16 Edgewood Street.

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held on August 20, 2026, at the Derry Municipal Center. Jill Jamro called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the October 16, 2025, meeting, were reviewed.

Chief Feole made a motion to approve the October 16, 2025, minutes as written.

Seconded by Walter Deyo.

MOTION PASSED (6-0).

The minutes from the March 19, 2026, meeting, were reviewed.

Chief Feole made a motion to approve the March 19, 2026, minutes as written. Ronald Goldthwaite asked about a comment that Chief Feole made at the last meeting, and Chief Feole confirmed that is what he said. No correction needed. On top of page 3, first paragraph, the word should be many, not may.

Ronald Goldthwaite made a motion to approve the March 19, 2026, minutes as amended. Seconded by Jodi Nelson.

MOTION PASSED (6-0).

The minutes from the May 21, 2026, meeting, were reviewed.

Chief Feole made a motion to approve the May 21, 2026, minutes as written. Seconded by Clint Havens.

MOTION PASSED (4-0) with Chief Feole & David Eastman abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Follow up from the March 19, 2026, Highway Safety Committee Meeting.

A) The Highway Safety Committee recommended installation of a flashing cross light in the vicinity of 39 Crystal Ave at the existing crosswalk, in front of T-Bones. Jill Jamro will email the Highway Safety Committee once the installation is complete. Please see attached Crystal Ave Crosswalk Picture.

Clint Havens spoke briefly about the progress made to date. He has received quotes of \$4,000 for each flashing light, but the company from Canada is subject to tariffs. He is working on obtaining less expensive quotes. Ronald Goldthwaite asked if the crosswalk was moving. Clint Havens stated that there is no movement of the crosswalk.

B) Tabled agenda item # 3. Speed statistics gathered at 58 Damren Road from Thursday, June 4, 2026, to Monday, June 15, 2026, data shows that at the 85th percentile, a speed of 38.14 mph, in a 35-mph zone. No action needed. Please see attached 58 Damren Road – speed statistics.

Clint Havens stated that most motorists are doing the speed limit. Jodi Nelson stated that coming out of Hidden Valley Campground there is no stop sign there. Clint Havens explained that this was discussed at the last meeting, a stop sign cannot be placed on private property. Taking a left onto Walnut Hill Road from Damren Road, motorists must yield to those exiting Hidden Valley. Chief Feole stated that the campground can place their own stop sign, but the Police Department cannot enforce the stop sign or write a ticket for failing to stop (as it would not be part of the Town Ordinance). All motorists have the responsibility to yield when taking a left-hand turn or entering an intersection.

Ronald Goldthwaite asked about sight line issues/bushes. Clint Havens replied that there is no sight line issue here, and the minimum standard is 200 feet, and you can easily see 200 feet down the driveway.

**Clint Havens made a motion that the Highway Safety Committee recommend to the Town Council to decrease the speed limit on Damren Road.
Seconded by Chief Feole.**

MOTION FAILED (0-6).

Follow up from the May 21, 2026, Highway Safety Committee Meeting.

- A) 1 Cross Road, requested by Jack Webb, Town Councilor, that the Town seek permission from the homeowner to trim the bushes. The homeowner has declined the Town's request.

Clint Havens stated that some tree/bush cutting has occurred with residents giving permission for the Town to trim private property. Looking to the right, the fir bushes at the stop sign are in a driveway, and the homeowner there has declined the Town's request.

- B) Scott Savard, Highway Safety Chair, inquired about the cost of installing flashing yield signs at the 5 entrances to the rotary. The current cost (verified on 8/10/2026) is \$195.00 through Amazon (28" Solar Yield Sign – standard), so the total would be \$975.00.

Scott Savard, the Chair, was unable to attend today's meeting. Ronald Goldthwaite asked if there is any action we can take for the rotary. He stated that we have discussed the rotary many times and it always seems to get kicked down the road, so to speak. There has been prior discussion that snow removal would be an issue if barriers were installed at the rotary. Passing occurs at the rotary.

Clint Havens stated that there are currently yield signs and arrows for each entrance into the rotary. Wrong way driving does occur. Jodi Nelson stated that installing flashing signs will not lower speed. Ronald Goldthwaite stated that it is lack of attention. Clint Havens stated that the cost of one flashing yield sign is four times the cost of a standard yield sign. Walter Deyo stated that the problem is that motorists are not paying attention to what is in front of them.

Chief Feole stated that given the amount of traffic volume at the rotary, the accidents are negligible, based on past studies.

Sam Fazioli replied that going South could be tightened up, the curb line from the gas station could preclude vehicles from using the slip lanes. Clint Havens stated that there is a plan to upgrade the water main, at that time, it may be possible to adjust the curbline.

George Feole asked Sam Fazioli if passing is causing consternation? This is not unlawful passing that is occurring. There is sufficient width to allow vehicles to pass. Sam Fazioli stated that for those exiting the circle to the right, there is a possibility for conflict. David Eastman stated that this is not the best practice in a rotary. Chief Feole brought up North Main Street and that waiting to turn left on Pinkerton Street (North from the rotary), there is enough pavement for movement to occur, and motorists pass on the right to go North, that is a lawful movement and there is no line. The passing is not prohibited. Sam Fazioli stated that the pavement should be striped out. Chief Feole stated that the curb line would be different and that that line on the pavement would not be impactful. Sam Fazioli stated that there would be a vertical barrier.

Ronald Goldthwaite recommends that Derry Public Works look at design options, which would require an engineering study. Chief Feole stated that this is beyond the scope of an advisory board and that we can continue to assess and continue to discuss.

Ronald Goldthwaite made a motion to table discussion of the Derry rotary until the next meeting.

Seconded by Clint Havens.

MOTION PASSED (6-0).

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Ms. Christine Pelotte – 37 Stark Road – request for evaluation of this location for appropriate signage and the addition of a “Slow-Child with Autism” or similar warning sign on Stark Road.

Ms. Christine Pelotte was not in attendance.

Clint Havens stated that he has taken a few calls regarding autism signs. Unfortunately, there are no Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) signs recommended for autism. Even Blind Child/Deaf Child are not recognized by MUTCD. He is empathetic to parents, but there is no way to enforce signs that are not recognized by the MUTCD. Ms. Deborah Sullivan asked about a slow children sign. Sam Fazioli stated that these signs are not recommended as they do not change the behavior of motorists and they provide a false sense of security to the parents. Signs like these, unfortunately, do not have a specific purpose, like a stop sign or a yield sign. Theoretically, signs could be put up everywhere. Ms. Deborah Sullivan stated that she does not understand this mentality and that does not make sense to her. Clint Havens stated that with the amount of distracted driving, no littering signs, etc. motorists just ignore the signs. Chief Feole stated that the Highway Safety Committee does not take input from the audience.

Chief Feole made a motion to request that Derry Public Works conduct a traffic study at 37 Stark Road.

Seconded by Ronald Goldthwaite.

MOTION PASSED (6-0).

- 2) Ms. Jennifer Marino – 16 Edgewood Street – request for a four-way stop; on Edgewood Street @ Bradford Street and Bradford Street @ Briarwood Street.

Ms. Jennifer Marino stated that she is a middle school principal in Manchester and that two of her neighbors are afraid to let their children play outside and this bothers her as an educator. At the stop sign at Silver Street, she was almost hit with her dogs. She stated that the parents are the ones flying by onto Silver Street. No one in the neighborhood honors the slow down signs. There has been one accident in the area in the last 6 months.

Clint Havens stated that he lives on Bradford Street and raised five children there. He is doing a traffic study now and will have the data at the next meeting.

Ms. Jennifer Marino stated that she is requesting a four-way stop; on Edgewood Street @ Bradford Street and Bradford Street @ Briarwood Street.

Sam Fazioli stated that they cannot recommend stop signs as a measure of speed control. This leads to non-compliance with stop signs. Stop signs exist to improve the operation of intersections. If a stop sign is added at Bradford, motorist will just roll right through. Discussion ensued about how MUTCD uses traffic counts to decide if a stop sign is warranted. Ms. Jennifer Marino stated that there is more traffic due to the recently built condos. What can be used to deter speed? Clint Havens stated that the general recommendation is to call the Derry Police Department to increase patrols and to have the radar trailer placed.

Jill Jamro stated that the Derry School District usually emails a letter to parents to slow down when dropping and picking up their children. Jill Jamro will email Jane Simard; to request that a letter/email be sent to all parents.

Ms. Jennifer Marino stated that she understands that motorists ignore signs, but that the neighborhood traffic is getting busier. Clint Havens stated that the Highway Safety Committee relies on data and statistics which sometimes can make their (Highway Safety Committee) viewpoint unpopular. The standard is that you need to be able to see 200 feet down a driveway, it is a generic standard, but it is the standard. Sam Fazioli stated that daily commuters will stop and then just speed up again, the speed limit sign does not solve the speeding problem. The first step is collecting traffic data. Chief Feole asked where would be a good spot for the radar trailer? Clint Havens answered beyond Briarwood Street @ Edgewood Street. Ms. Jennifer Marino stated that she thinks the neighbors would be agreeable and that she thinks Bradford Street @ Edgewood Street. Clint Havens replied that the radar trailer cannot block the sight distance and that is why the data is used. When school is in session would be the best time to collect data. Jodi Nelson replied that the traffic study counts volume too. Chief Feole stated that a multi-way stop sign recommendation would rely on volumes, crash patterns, and are used when it is difficult finding gaps in the traffic.

Chief Feole made a motion that the Derry Police Department will put out the radar trailer. Seconded by Jodi Nelson.

MOTION PASSED (6-0).

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Deborah Sullivan – 99 Rockingham Road, stated that her mailbox was hit several times, and she even surrounded it with cement. She stated that she came before the Highway Safety Committee (May 21, 2026) and her requests were denied (for two blind driveway signs and a posted speed limit at her residence). The problem is that motorists cannot see her driveway. On July 14th or 16th of this year, her niece was in a car accident and suffered a head and neck injury and was almost killed. She stated that the Derry Police Department cited her niece as being at fault, for not yielding. She further stated that they no longer back out of their driveway onto Rockingham Road, and they now pull out (exit the driveway) head end first, as it is hard to get out of her driveway and someone is going to be killed.

Ms. Deborah Sullivan asked how long do they have to wait until they pull out of their driveway? Chief Feole answered that it is not a matter of length of time, that motorists exiting a driveway must yield to traffic, before exiting the driveway.

Ms. Deborah Sullivan stated that there are now 100 apartments across the street and no one is paying attention. Motorists are riding the white line.

Sam Fazioli stated that it is not a question of motorists not being able to see her driveway. It is the responsibility of anyone exiting a driveway to yield to oncoming traffic.

Ms. Ann Marie Putnam stated that you (Sam Fazioli) are assuming that motorists can see the driveway. Chief Feole stated that he did not hear Sam Fazioli make any assumption. Ms. Ann Marie Putnam stated that motorists are revving their engines, and Rockingham Road feels like a racetrack and that the problem is speed.

Chief Feole asked about the new design, were the roads widened? Were speed statistics gathered? Clint Havens stated that the project went before the Technical Review Committee (TRC). Sam Fazioli stated that it meets the necessary sight lines.

Chief Feole stated that the speed needs to be investigated. Jodi Nelson stated that it is important to gather speed statistics in both directions.

**Chief Feole made a motion to request that Derry Public Works conduct a traffic study near 99 Rockingham Road in both directions.
Seconded by Jodi Nelson.**

MOTION PASSED (6-0).

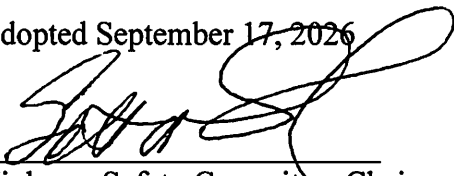
Ms. Ann Marie Putnam stated that there is a sign that is not right on Island Pond Road and Rockingham Road. This is maintained by the state, District V's phone number was given, (603) 666-3336.

**David Eastman made a motion to adjourn at 10:24am.
Seconded by Jodi Nelson.**

MOTION PASSED (6-0).

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Jamro, Recording Clerk

Adopted September 17, 2026



Highway Safety Committee Chair