

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes for September 17, 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
Battalion Chief Thomas Beaumont (Fire Alt.)	X	
DPW Director, Tom Carrier (DPW Alt.)		X
Lieutenant Jonathan Breen (Police Alt.)	X	
Randall Chase, Town Council Liaison		X

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held on September 17, 2026, at the Derry Municipal Center. Scott Savard called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the August 20, 2026, meeting, were reviewed.

**Ron Goldthwaite made a motion to approve the August 20, 2026, minutes as written.
Seconded by Jodi Nelson.**

MOTION PASSED (5-0), with Scott Savard and Lt. Breen abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Scott Savard, Highway Safety Chair, inquired about the cost of installing flashing yield signs at the five entrances to the rotary. The current cost (verified on 8/10/206) is \$195.00 through Amazon (28" Solar Yield Sign – standard), so the total would be \$975.00.

Lt. Breen questioned the dollar figure of the flashing yield signs. This information was provided to Clint Havens from his prior crew chief. Clint Havens to verify the actual dollar amount per flashing yield sign.

Clint Havens mentioned that Chief Feole at the August 2026 meeting, had discussed that given the high volume of traffic per day, that accident incidents were nominal. There are already yield signs at each entrance of the Derry Rotary. Clint Havens explained that islands in between make it difficult to plow.

Ron Goldthwaite handed out an example of a North Carolina rotary (see below picture) that depicts sidewalks and much narrower lanes of travel.



At 9:05am, Jacob Coughlan arrived at the meeting.

Scott Savard stated that he believes the reason that the Highway Safety Committee exists is to prevent accidents. The number of accidents at the Derry Rotary may be miniscule, but it would be ideal to avoid accidents. At a cost of \$975.00 or greater, it would be a minimal cost to make the area safer. Jodi Nelson stated that she just went on Amazon and for a 28" size flashing yield sign, the cost is \$385 and up. Scott Savard stated that the cost of the sign is the cost of the sign. Clint Havens will verify the pricing of quality MUTCD flashing yield signs, and he will present it at the next meeting.

Scott Savard asked about budgetary constraints. Clint Havens explained that depending on the pricing, it could be a situation where he may need to ask the Town Council for a supplemental appropriation, depending on the timing of installation and how much funds are spent this winter on plowing and sanding the roads.

Lt. Breen stated that the cost of the flashing yield signs could be \$975.00 each to purchase ones that are quality solar to keep them going. Scott Savard asked if we could install the flashing yield signs at the worst entrances to start off?

Walter Deyo asked if there would be an extra lane for the signs to be installed. Clint Havens replied that the signs would be set on the existing poles. Lt. Breen stated that there are existing laws where poles can be set. Ron Goldthwaite feels safe to turn right from East Broadway onto South Main Street.

Tabled to the next meeting, when Clint Havens will have more accurate flashing yield sign costs.

- 2) Traffic studies: 16 Edgewood Street, Clint Havens picked up the traffic counter this morning, and the results will be distributed with the agenda for the next meeting. 37 Stark Road will be next and then 99 Rockingham Road in both directions.

Clint Havens explained that the traffic counter was placed halfway between the top of the hill and Rockingham Road. He stated that patrolmen have been parked out there as well. Lt. Breen stated that during the mornings of 9/2/2026 and 9/17/2026, the area was monitored by the Derry Police Department, and there was no excessive speeding.

Jill Jamro mentioned that she had emailed Jane Simard requesting that the Derry School District send out reminder notices to parents to slow down during school drop offs and pickups. It is unknown if any letters were distributed this year, but that is usually the case each year. Jill Jamro added a [Tips for Driving in School Zones & Residential Areas | Town of Derry NH](#) to the Highway Safety Committee website page.

Tabled to the next meeting, Clint Havens to provide speed statistics before then.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Mr. Kendall Venable – 145 Warner Hill Road – request for a sight distance safety assessment, installation of a hidden driveway warning sign, etc.

Clint Havens stated that he has not been out to the area yet. Ron Goldthwaite stated that he drove on Warner Hill Road this morning and there are some bushes on a slight curve. It is dangerous going down the hill. Clint Havens will go out to the area and make an assessment. The 200' sight distance is the minimum standard. Clint Havens replied that they can get the roadside mower out there to trim.

Tabled to the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

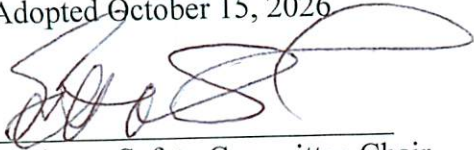
None.

**Clint Havens made a motion to adjourn at 9:22am.
Seconded by Walter Deyo.**

MOTION PASSED (8-0).

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Jamro, Recording Clerk

Adopted October 15, 2026

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Highway Safety Committee Chair