

The Parking Solutions Task Force convened for a special meeting Monday, April 29, 2019 at Bar Harbor Town Council Chambers.

The meeting was called to order at 4 pm by chair Eben Salvatore. Present were Task Force members: Jane Holland, Heather Sorokin, Mary Booher, Martha Searchfield, Eben Salvatore, Matt Hochman, Sherry Rasmussen, Ron Greenberg, Erin Cough

Present were Staff Members: Town Manager Cornell Knight, Finance Director Stan Harmon, Police Chief Jim Willis, Police Lt. David Kerns, Tax Collector Sarah Gilbert, DMV Agent Jen Turcotte, and representing Parking Enforcement, Rick Mooers. PSTF Facilitator Ron Beard was also in attendance.

The purpose of the special meeting was to review the Town of Bar Harbor Paid Parking and Permit Policy and to address issues brought to the attention of Town Manager Cornell Knight through a collection of e-mails from citizens as well as lists of concerns brought by Councilor Hochman, Police Chief Willis, and Finance Director Stan Harmon.

Facilitator Ron Beard gave a brief presentation and introduced the Parking Solutions Task Force members and town staff that were present.

Chair Eben Salvatore gave a presentation about the history of the Task Force from its beginnings as the Backyard Parking Garage Task Force in 2009.

Town Manager Cornell Knight announced that kiosk pads and meter poles are being installed. He said that the meters have been shipped and the kiosks will follow. The necessary signage for the program have been ordered and the meters have been programmed.

The Town Manager read comments from citizen e-mails asking with each one if the person making a comment was present and wanted to speak.

After about two hours of public comment, when the facilitator was sure that everyone who wanted to speak had an opportunity, each Task Force member in turn expressed an issue he/she would like to address.

The chair noted that he was not sure the public is aware of how much "all day" paid parking is included in the policy.

After much discussion, there were four motions:

There was a motion to change the paid parking hours from 9 to 8 to 9 to 6. The motion failed 6 to 3.

There was a motion to make the 2 hour parking 4 hour parking. The motion failed 5 to 3 with 1 abstaining.

There was a motion to make the \$5 visitor pass "0" fee with \$2 transaction fee. The motion passed 6 to 3.

There was a motion to change the word "resident" to "person" in the section of Permit and Paid Parking. I. A. to read:

"A person whose vehicle registration is within the Town of Bar Harbor and who pays excise tax to the Town of Bar Harbor shall be eligible to apply for one free seasonal parking permit for each registered vehicle". The motion passed 9-0.

The Task Force talked about the need follow data as it is gathered in order to make any necessary, timely changes as the program progresses. It was decided it would be prudent to meet on the third Tuesday of each month during the summer starting at 4:30 pm, Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

At 7 pm the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.