

Parking Solutions Task Force
Notes from meeting of May 14, 2018

Attending: Eben Salvatore, Sherry Rasmussen, Matt Hochman, Jane Holland, Ron Greenberg, Mary Booher, Erin Cough, Martha Searchfield, Ron Beard

A recent letter in the Islander, and comments in individual conversations indicate a lack of understanding about the elements of the proposed parking program... letters by task force members, one-on-one conversations and presentations to groups like Rotary and the hospital staff all provide opportunities to share information and the rationale for the program.

Some citizens are responding positively to the parking program's revenue stream, primarily fees paid by visitors. **Other approaches have also garnered support:**

- once we have the equipment in place, we can evaluate and improve the implementation of the program, tweaking it to address problems and concerns
- citizens seem to see the connection between parking program revenues and the satellite parking offered as part of the development of the former ferry terminal

Eben, Mary and others will attend the Council meeting on May 15... other opportunities include Chamber "business after-hours" events at Women's Health Center on the 18th, the Coffee Hound on the 24th and the Bar Harbor Welcome Center in Trenton on the 24th— all start at 5 pm

Martha is seeking guidance from the Chamber board as to whether she would submit a letter to the editor re: the proposed parking program.

We should check in via email about the need for an additional meeting of the task force, following Eben's lead. **We also spoke about a walking campaign, approaching downtown business owners in the week leading up to the June 12 ballot vote.**

Ronald E. Beard