

**PARKING METER TASK FORCE  
MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2011**

**Present:** Citizen Members - Harvey Bravman, Dana Brigham, Shari Gershenfeld, Fred Levitan, Stanley Spiegel. Also speaking was Harry Robinson, Selectman Richard Benka

**Staff:** Mel Kleckner, Marge Amster, Sean Cronin, Kevin Johnson, Jeff Levine, Nina Mitchell, Daniel O'Leary, Kevin Stokes.

**Town Administrator Melvin Kleckner welcomed the Task Force and thanked them for their service.**

**Task Force went over updates to parking meters over the past week. Consensus was that the move to the software used by the City of Cambridge was a great improvement. There was still concern about speed of certain processes and the Brookline Card. Members discussed ways to make meters more accessible, such as outdoor lights.**

**Members talked about ways to make drivers aware of these changes, such as a video spot.**

**Data:** The new meters will provide Brookline with such data as when and for how long people use the meters. Shari Gershenfeld updated the group on a scientific survey of drivers about ease and problems.

**Fred Levitan, with other members, felt that there are too few meters and they need to be closer together to make using them a positive experience. He will follow up with GIS to study possible locations.**

**Stanley Spiegel expressed concern about the change to parking until 8pm.**

**Selectman Dick Banka proposed free parking for first few minutes for quick errands, then increasing costs for greater parking time. He will take up changes in rates in the future.**

**Discussion of Pay-by-Phone technology.**

**The next meeting of the committee was scheduled for October 17, 2011.**