

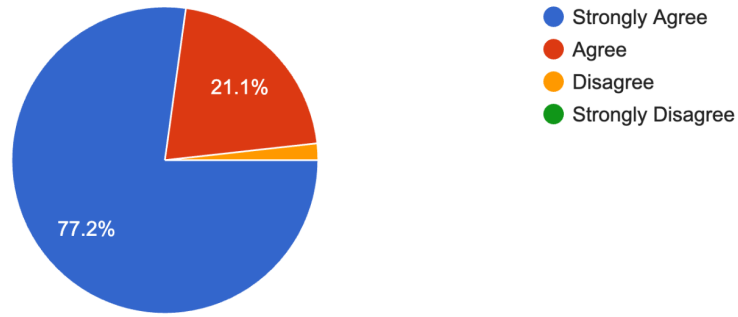
Results of the Brookline Meeting House Survey

- Section 1: Introduction

Section 2:

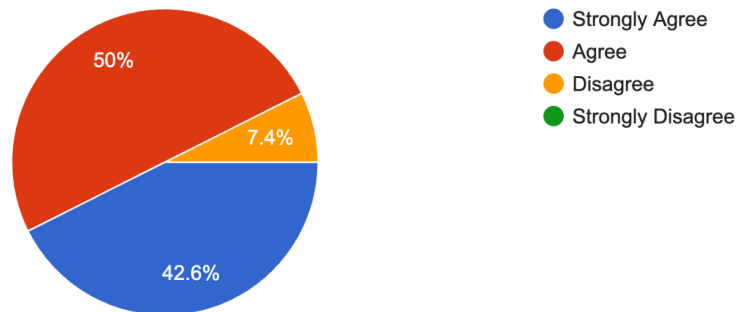
1. The Brookline Meetinghouse is an important part of our community identity (and is worth saving as an historic landmark and emblem of our past).

57 responses



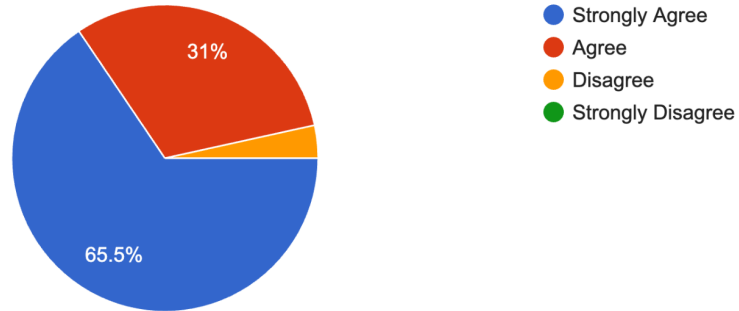
2. The Town of Brookline needs additional year-round space to conduct Town business, such as committee meetings and public hearings.

54 responses



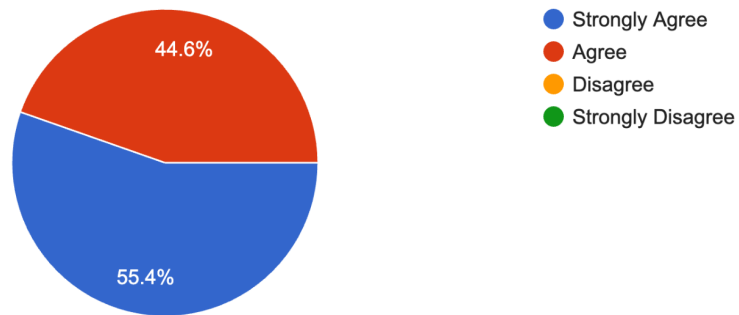
3. The Town of Brookline needs a gathering place available to the general public for events, community gatherings, and private functions.

58 responses



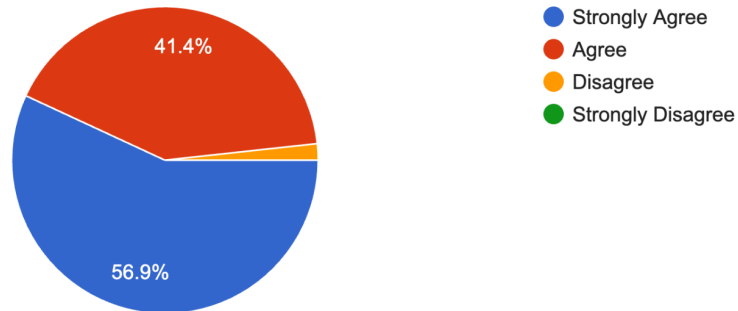
4. The Town of Brookline needs a public space that is fully accessible to people with disabilities.

56 responses



5. The Town of Brookline would benefit from a public gathering space that includes a fully functional kitchen, dining area, and bathroom.

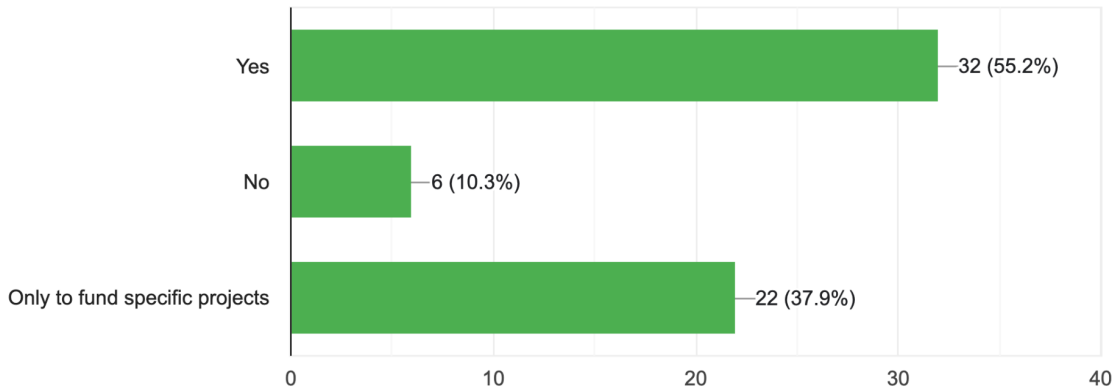
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Section 3:

The Meetinghouse Committee has raised funds for restoration projects throughout the years by applying for grants, holding fund-raising events, and appealing for donations. In addition, would you support the use of taxpayer funds to further rehabilitate the Meetinghouse for public use?

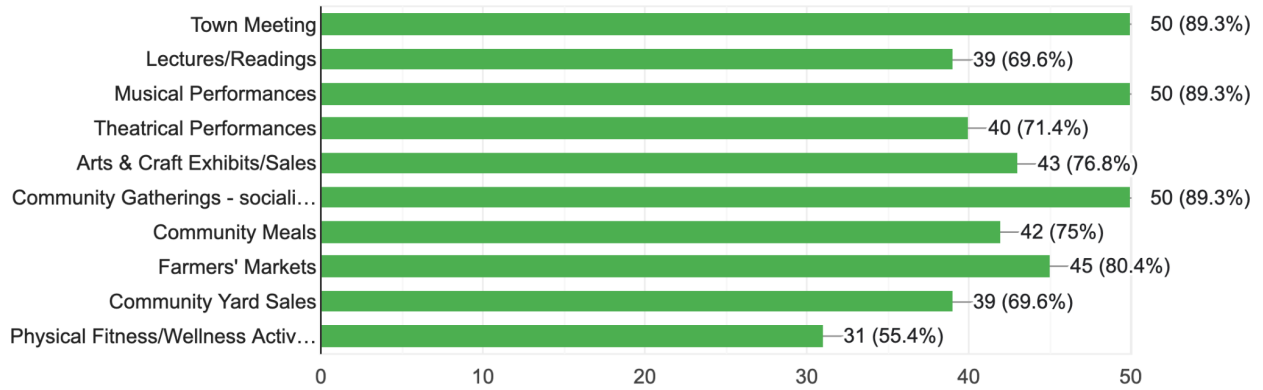
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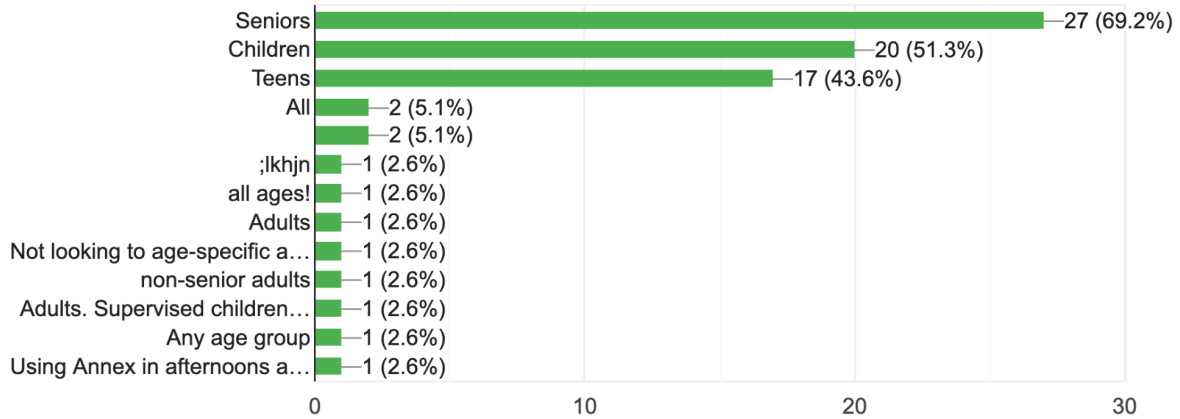
How likely would you be to attend the following events if they were held at the Brookline Meetinghouse? Check any that apply

56 responses



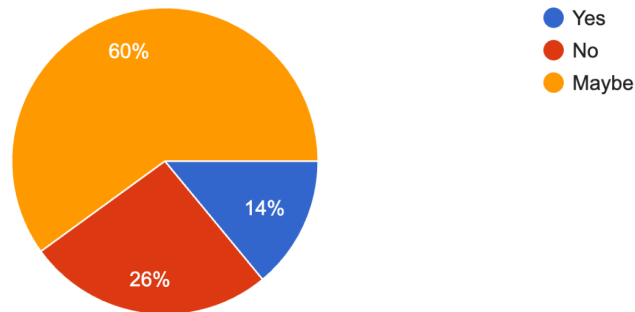
Activities for specific age groups:

39 responses



Would you be interested in helping to organize any of these events?

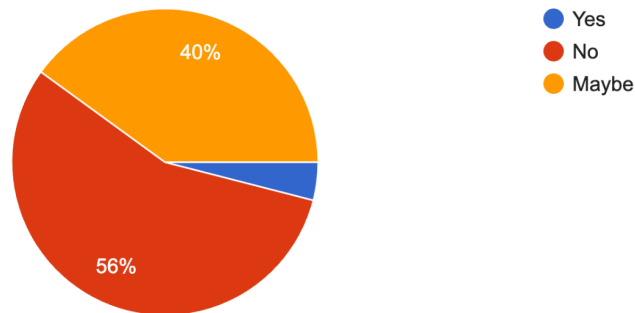
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Section 5

Would you be interested in being on the Brookline Meetinghouse Committee? We could use new members with enthusiasm and ideas and energy!

50 responses



Additional Comments:

Very easy to complete this survey. Good work!

This all looks great, thanks for your expertise!

NO ongoing taxes. Yes if we are funding an upgrade one-time, but NOT forever afterward.

Weddings, memorial services, Christmas Eve Carol sing and service

Although we are new to Brookline, we are thrilled to support the meeting house restoration efforts! I would like to help support, but not sure how much we can do from afar.

Regrettably, we live on Putney Mountain which often prevents us from acting in the community. Plus we are away in the winter.

"The value of community is essential. Not sure Brookline can support a community center. Curious is selling/renting has been discussed as housing is such a need?"

How many people with disabilities live in Brookline?

You are doing great, Thank you!
Paving the area after the foundation project is done.

I would love to see the space used by the community.

Great ideas and effort but as you know, Brookline no longer has enthusiastic groups like the Ladies Benevolent Society who used the building and organized ice cream socials, sunflower festival, mother/daughter socials, etc. As you are also painfully aware, town's people's involvement is crucial. I support taking this as far as you can but you can only go so far if people aren't going to use the building. At the very least, repair it and keep it solid for the next generation.

I would be interested in helping with art and gallery use, perhaps art classes for any ability would be considered.

Possible dog training site.

That building was built for worship. It was built to be grander than anything else around, more grand than anything they lived in because this was where they were going to worship God. The acoustics in that structure are incredible; its surround sound without any sound equipment. The structure was made for praise and worship. You can do anything with that building but the glory of what it was made for is gone. It was made to worship God and you don't want that. I think that the residence of Brookline are happy living in a bedroom town they are happy driving by and knowing that the old church is still there and would notice if it was gone. We are not a hotbed of activity nor do I think that most of us want to be.

Thank you!

I know that the committee is appropriately prioritizing structural needs. My thought is to also think about volunteer activities like painting and other cosmetics that volunteers could do. I have also heard of painting being done by scouts or even prisoners.

Already a selectboard member. Sanctuary needs heat, acoustic improvements. Entrance should be considered for historical items. Good survey! Pursue grants, e.g. VT Arts Council.

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