

# COMMUNITY SURVEY ON THE FUTURE USE OF THE BROOKLINE MEETINGHOUSE

The Town of Brookline assumed ownership of the former Brookline Baptist Church in 2014. The Select Board appointed a committee of volunteers to work on behalf of the town to restore the building to a structurally sound condition for the purpose of creating a public space suitable to the needs of Brookline’s populace, while maintaining historic features that make this early church unique in our state.

In the coming years, decisions will be made that affect the interior, exterior and the grounds. Your thoughts and ideas are critical to our efforts and will help guide us as we move forward. In what ways do you see the Meetinghouse serving the needs of Brookline, both now and in the future, and to what extent do you believe public money should be used to make future uses possible?

Please take a few moments to complete this survey. Mail your completed survey to PO Box 403, Brookline, VT 05345, or return it to the Town Office. You can also download a copy from the Town of Brookline website at [www.brooklinevt.com](http://www.brooklinevt.com) or complete the survey online at [link]. Please complete no later than April 1, 2023.

## To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

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).

**STRONGLY AGREE                      AGREE                      DISAGREE                      STRONGLY DISAGREE**

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

**STRONGLY AGREE                      AGREE                      DISAGREE                      STRONGLY DISAGREE**

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

**STRONGLY AGREE                      AGREE                      DISAGREE                      STRONGLY DISAGREE**

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

**STRONGLY AGREE                      AGREE                      DISAGREE                      STRONGLY DISAGREE**

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

**STRONGLY AGREE                      AGREE                      DISAGREE                      STRONGLY DISAGREE**

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?

- Yes       No       Only to fund specific projects

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Town Meeting                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Musical Performances   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lectures/Readings                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Theatrical Performances  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Craft Exhibits/Sales          | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Gatherings – for socializing, games, group activities, or just for fun |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community meals                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Community farmer’s markets   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community yard sales                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical fitness/wellness activities   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Activities for specific age groups – | Other suggestions?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors                              |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children                             |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teens                                |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other?                               |   |

Would you be able to help organizing any of these events?      YES      NO

Would you be interested in being on the Brookline Meetinghouse Committee? We could use new members with enthusiasm and ideas and energy!      YES      NO

Do you have any other comments or suggestions?

Your name and contact info (optional):

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Meetings of the Brookline Meetinghouse Committee are open to the public, and you are always welcome to attend any meeting for any reason. Our agendas and minutes are posted on the Town website. We welcome your participation in our efforts!