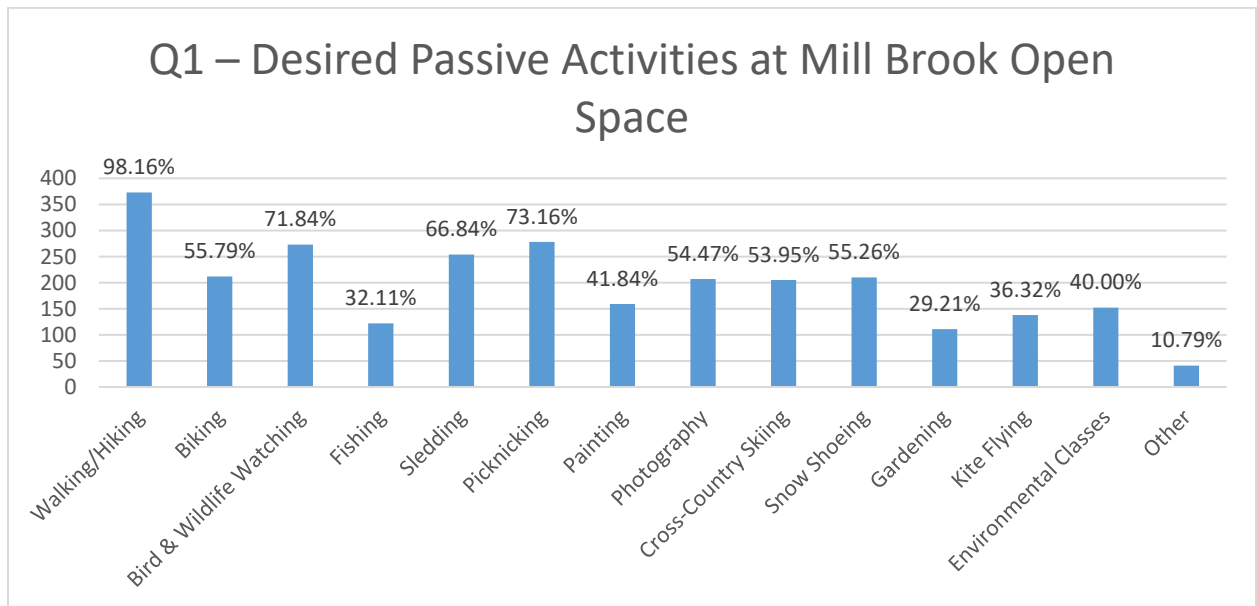


Community Survey and Open House / Workshop Results

There were 417 total respondents. The margin of error is calculated to be 5% at a 95% confidence interval.

1. Open space grant restrictions limit the use of the property to passive recreation activities that require minimal physical improvements. Which of the following passive recreational uses would you like to see on the property? (Check all that apply)

- Walking/Running/Hiking
- Biking
- Bird & Wildlife Watching
- Fishing
- Sledding
- Picnicking
- Painting
- Photography
- Cross-Country Skiing
- Snow Shoeing
- Gardening
- Kite Flying
- Environmental Classes
- Other: _____

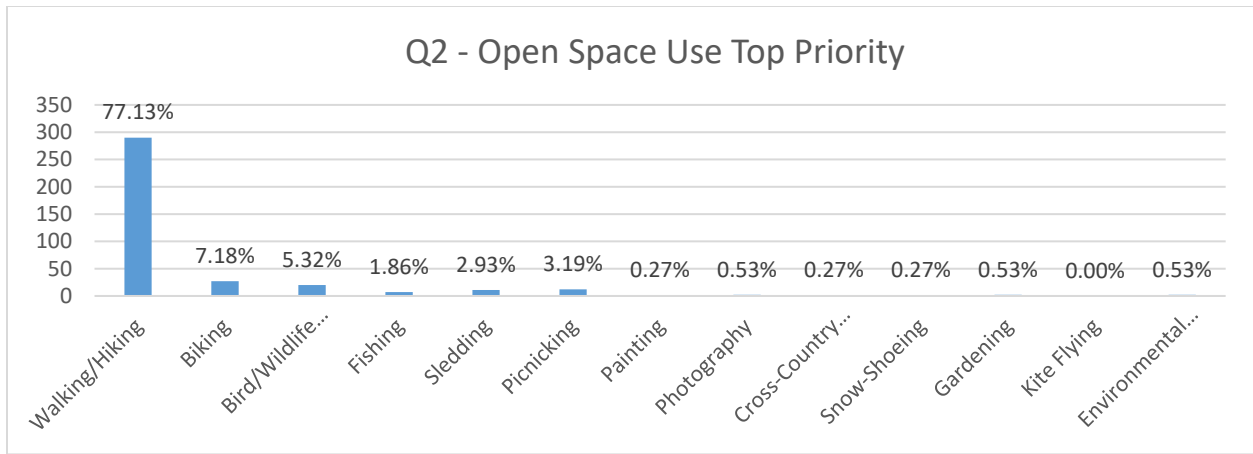


2. Of the uses selected above, which do you consider to be your three highest priorities?

Highest Priority: _____

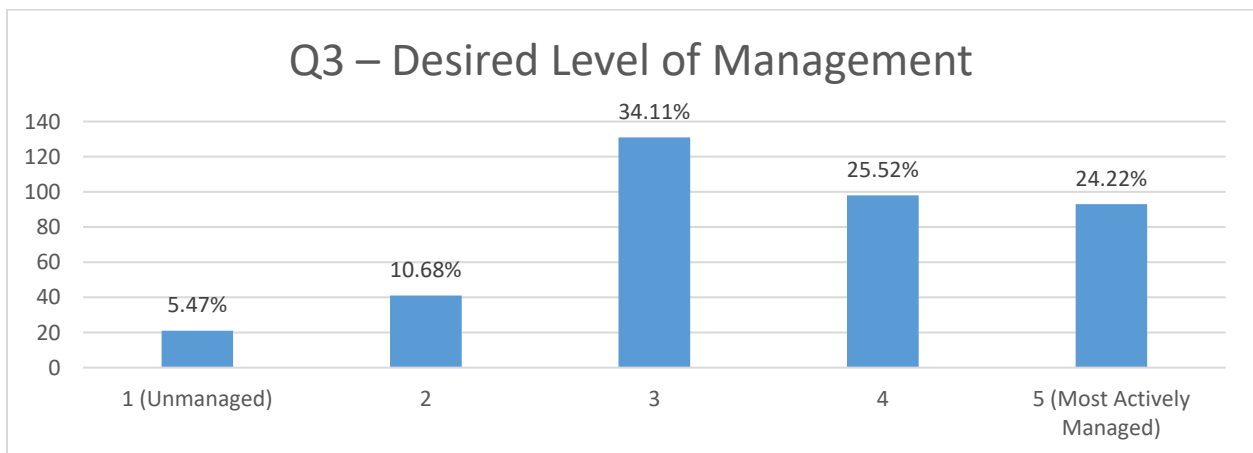
Second Highest: _____

Third Highest: _____



3. If left unmanaged except for trails, the former golf course will revert to a wild forest of native and invasive species spread by wind and wild animals. On a scale from 1-5, with 1 being "unmanaged" and 5 being "most actively managed", at what level do you believe the town should manage this space to control invasive species during this transition to forest?

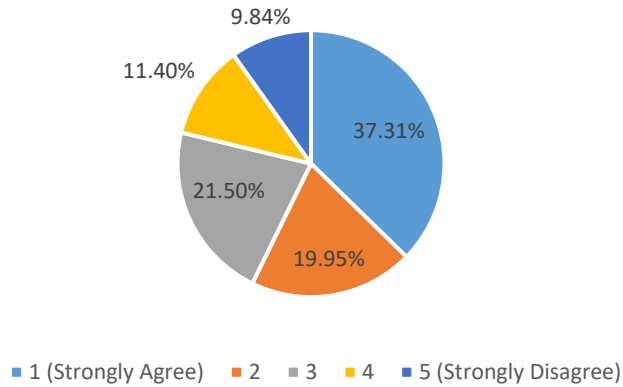
(Unmanaged) 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 (Most Actively Managed)



4. Would you like an area(s) to be managed as common space, such as a lawn or green?

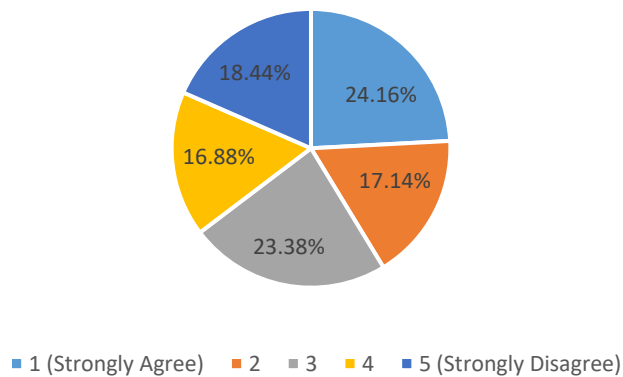
(Strongly Agree) 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 (Strongly Disagree)

Q4 – Common Space Desired?



5. Would you like an area(s) to be managed as formal gardens (e.g., an arboretum, rose garden, etc.)?
(Strongly Agree) 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 (Strongly Disagree)

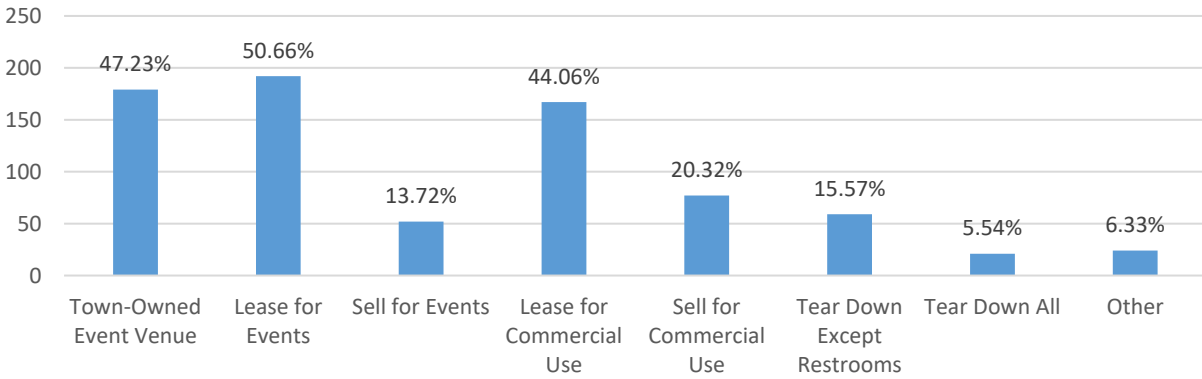
Q5 – Formal Gardens Desired?



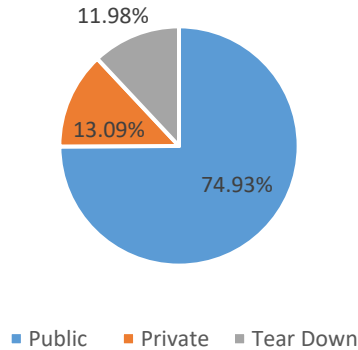
6. The acquisition of the golf course included the former clubhouse, parking lot, maintenance buildings, and about two acres of surrounding land without use restrictions. The building is structurally sound but in need of repairs and upgrades. Which of the following uses/actions for this area would you prefer? *(Check all that apply)*

- A town-owned & operated event venue for meetings, weddings, reunions, etc.
- Lease clubhouse for event venue for meetings, weddings, reunions, etc.
- Sell the clubhouse as a privately-owned event venue for meetings, weddings, reunions, etc.
- Lease the clubhouse as a restaurant or for other light commercial use.
- Sell the clubhouse as privately-owned restaurant.
- Tear down the clubhouse except for public restrooms.
- Tear down the entire clubhouse.
- Other: _____

Q6 – Desired Clubhouse Use



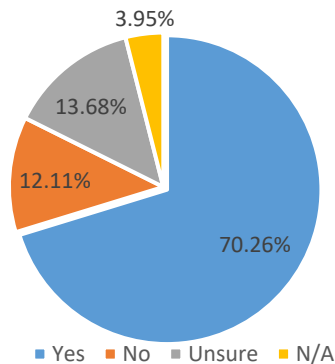
Q6 - Public vs. Private Ownership of the Clubhouse



7. If the clubhouse was torn down entirely or torn down, except for public restrooms, would you like to have a picnic pavilion constructed on that site to meet growing demand on similar town facilities?

Yes | No | Unsure | Not Applicable

Q7 - Picnic Pavilion Desired if Clubhouse is Torn Down?

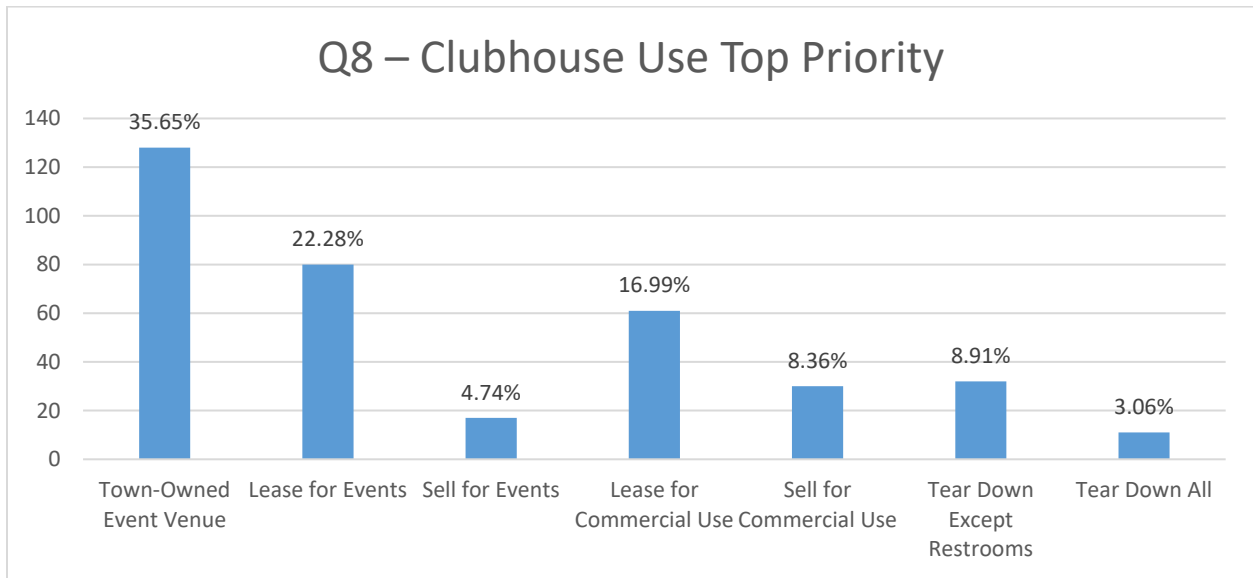


8. Of the uses you selected in question 6, which do you consider to be your three highest priorities?

Highest Priority: _____

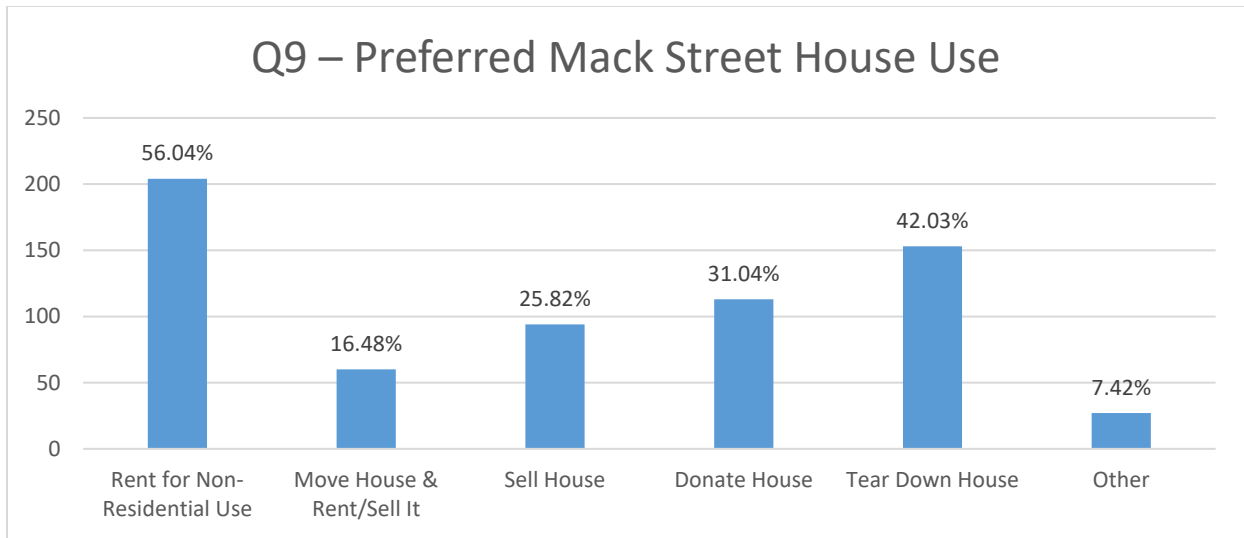
Second Highest: _____

Third Highest: _____



9. The acquisition of the golf course included a house and yard at 72 Mack Street, intended for access to the open space from Windsor Center, free of use restrictions. The house is in usable condition but blocks pedestrian access without compromising residential privacy. Which of the following uses/actions for this area would you prefer? (Check all that apply)

- Construct the public access and rent the house for non-residential uses such as professional offices to offset the cost of maintenance.
- Move the house to another part of the property, construct the public access and privacy screening, and rent or sell the house.
- Construct the public access and sell the house for residential use.
- Donate the house to someone willing to move it to another nearby property and construct the public access.
- Tear down the house and construct the public access.
- Other: _____

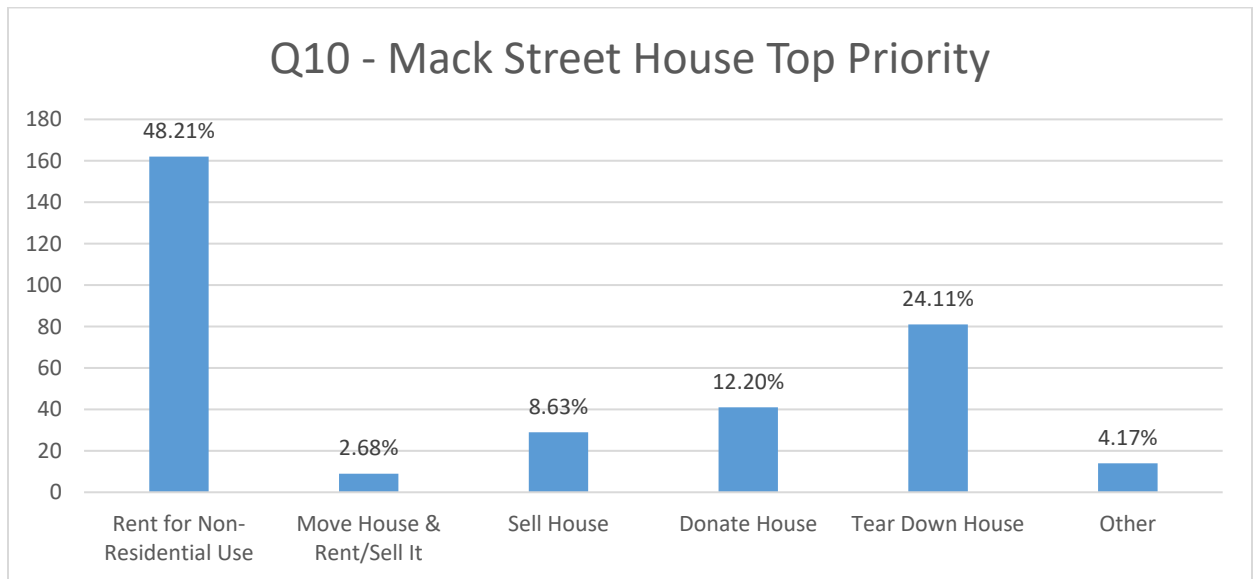


10. Of the uses you selected above, which do you consider to be your highest three priorities?

Highest Priority: _____

Second Highest: _____

Third Highest: _____



11. Do you have any additional comments?

Responses have been combined with workshop comments, summarized, and categorized.

Preferred Use of Open Space

- Hiking/Walking (6)
- Picnicking (5)
- No picnic pavilion

Preferred Use of Open Space (continued)

- Sledding/snowboarding (5)
- Disc Golf (4)
- Cross Country skiing (4)
- Occasional outdoor concerts (4)
- Biking/separate bike trails (3)
- No biking/mountain biking (3)
- Bike path connecting Mack Street to Pigeon Hill Road for through bikers (2)
- Ice skating (3)
- No motorized vehicles (3)
- Boy Scout camping/camping (2)
- Keep nine holes of golf (2)
- Dog park (2)
- Open off leash dog area
- Keep dogs on leashes
- Snow shoeing
- Environmental education
- Fireworks
- Library programs
- Pavilion to rent out for private parties (revenue)
- Gazebo
- No hunting
- Impose strict adherence to non impacting uses
- Incorporate art along trails and partner with Windsor Art Center
- Make at least one mountain bike trail
- No community gardens

Maintenance of Open Space

- Keep invasive, overgrown, and dangerous plants under control (5)
- Clean up/mill existing walkways (4)
- Prefer natural landscape (3)
- Maintain like Northwest Park (2)
- Minimally groomed trails/no pavement (2)
- Add new trails
- Fix bridges (2)
- Leave it natural/open (2)
- Rose Garden (2), plums too
- Mow some sections 6x/year – mow almost all area 1x/year to keep the space open (2)
- Develop brook for trout (2) - catch & release only
- Scout projects to help maintain (2)
- Limit trespassing over abutting properties/fences (2)
- Consider how to make it accessible by all abilities – parking is near hilly section and no parking near flat area
- Make it like Wickham Park (East Hartford)
- Keep mix of meadows and forested areas

Maintenance of Open Space (continued)

- Trim trees
- Plant more trees
- Maintain vistas through selective mowing/vegetation management
- Bush hog/mow every 2 years – do not remove trees
- Mow grass at end of Warham Street on regular basis
- Level some areas out
- Grassland bird/mammal habitat
- Butterfly garden to attract pollinators
- Overgrown shrubbery abutting Scherer Ridge property
- Minimize maintenance costs
- Protect wildlife, natural environs and water sources
- Pond closest to I-91 should be used as detention pond to filter runoff
- Use volunteers
- Need fish ladders
- Add bluebird houses
- Fix fence along east side of parking lot

Use of Buildings

Clubhouse

- Restaurant/diner (6)
- Use clubhouse for parties/weddings/events (4)
- No event venue/late night noise (2)
- Never a banquet facility (noise, etc. for neighborhood)
- Brewery / Brew Pub (4)
- Nothing to do with alcohol / no brewery
- Kitchen available for rent
- Community center
- Adjunct senior center
- Youth Center
- Art Center
- Tables/chairs on the deck
- Rent out buildings
- Sell it for commercial use
- Winter farmer's market
- Keep nine holes of golf
- Do not sell
- Do not tear down
- Need consistent revenue stream
- No restaurant use after 10:00
- Ice cream shop
- Rent to Audubon Society

Use of Buildings (continued)

72 Mack Street

- Coffee house
- Rent out house for non-residential use (3)
- Tear it down and construct access
- Use for educational purposes related to the open space (2)
- Do not sell
- Donate to charity (2)
- Best location for public access
- Bicycle and emergency access only
- Teen Center
- Non-profit event space
- Sell the property
- Need consistent revenue stream

Miscellaneous Comments

- Will there be a monitoring committee to deal with complaints?
- Be sure the location is widely publicized and the way to get to Mill Brook is known by all - promotion
- Provide maps for all the trails (3)
- Will there be hours of operation?
- No vehicle parking at Warham Street
- Why no access from Warham Street?
- Town-wide contest to name the park
- Allocate sufficient funds to maintain open space
- Move the highway
- Provide scout service projects (3)
- Provide better bicycle access from west side of I-91
- Minimal signs
- Do not duplicate Northwest Park
- Engage organizations to adopt/maintain/use areas of the open space (e.g. garden club) (2)
- Parking and bathrooms needed at both ends