



# Holy Ghost Reuse Committee Public Input Session

January 2024

# Committee Members

- Mike Rosa – Chair
- Nathan Ketchel – Vice Chair
- Freemin Bauer
- Nicky Miller
- Jack Hill
- Denise Conton -- Clerk
- Greta Fox
- Aaron Goldberg



## Agenda

- Brief history of the Holy Ghost grounds
- Goals of Holy Ghost Grounds Reuse Committee
- Public Discussion
- Results of the Public Survey

# Brief History of the Holy Ghost Grounds

7 .8 acre parcel on Park St.

Originally owned by Society of the Holy Ghost (1943), Acquired by Mattapoissett YMCA (2014), Acquired by the town in 2016 using Community Preservation funds

Abuts 1.2 acre Barlow Burial Ground

Adjacent to planned route of the Mattapoissett Rail Trail

Purchase made using Community Preservation funds dedicated to land for recreational purposes makes clear how land will be used



Aerial View  
of the  
Grounds

# Primary Goals of Holy Ghost Grounds Reuse Committee

Identify	Identify a range of potential options for how to utilize this property
Obtain	Obtain public input for potential uses of the property
Present	Hold public information session and gather input
Prepare	Prepare report of findings for the Select Board

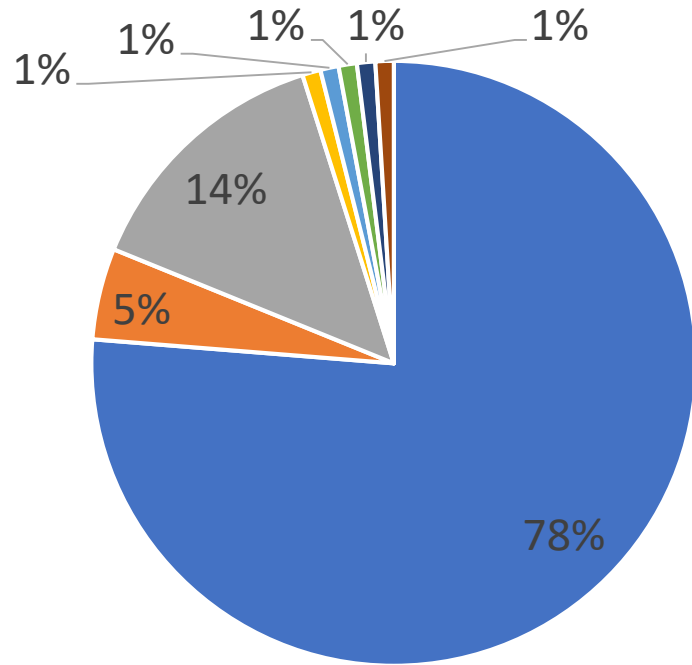
# The Holy Ghost Reuse Committee Town Survey of Potential Use Cases

- Survey fielded August/September 2023, both physical and online responses
- Over 550 completed questionnaires – A large number that provides high confidence in the results
- Focus is on the respondent's positive or negative view on different use cases/activities for the Holy Ghost Grounds
- A good base of survey respondents -- Wide range of ages, primarily year-round residents



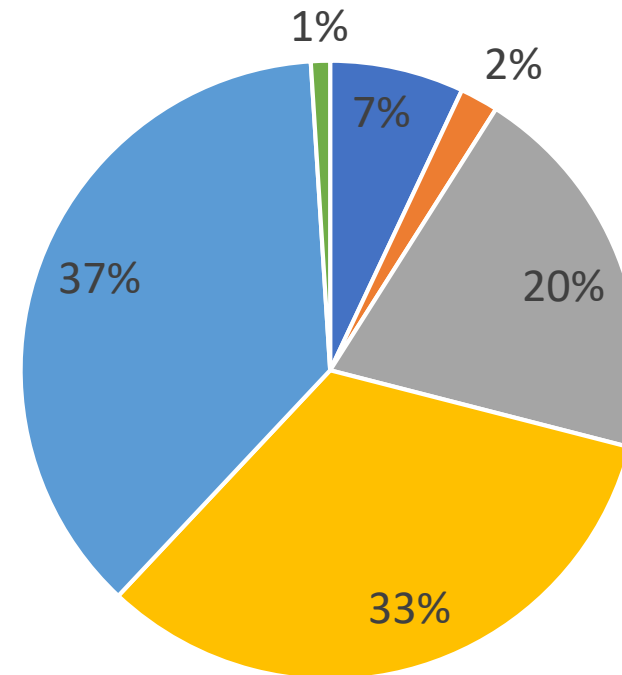
# Survey Demographics

## Residency Status



- Full Time Resident
- Resident Neighboring Town
- Friend
- Grew up here
- Seasonal Resident
- Town Empl.
- Former Resident
- Grew up here, parents here

## Age Range of Respondents



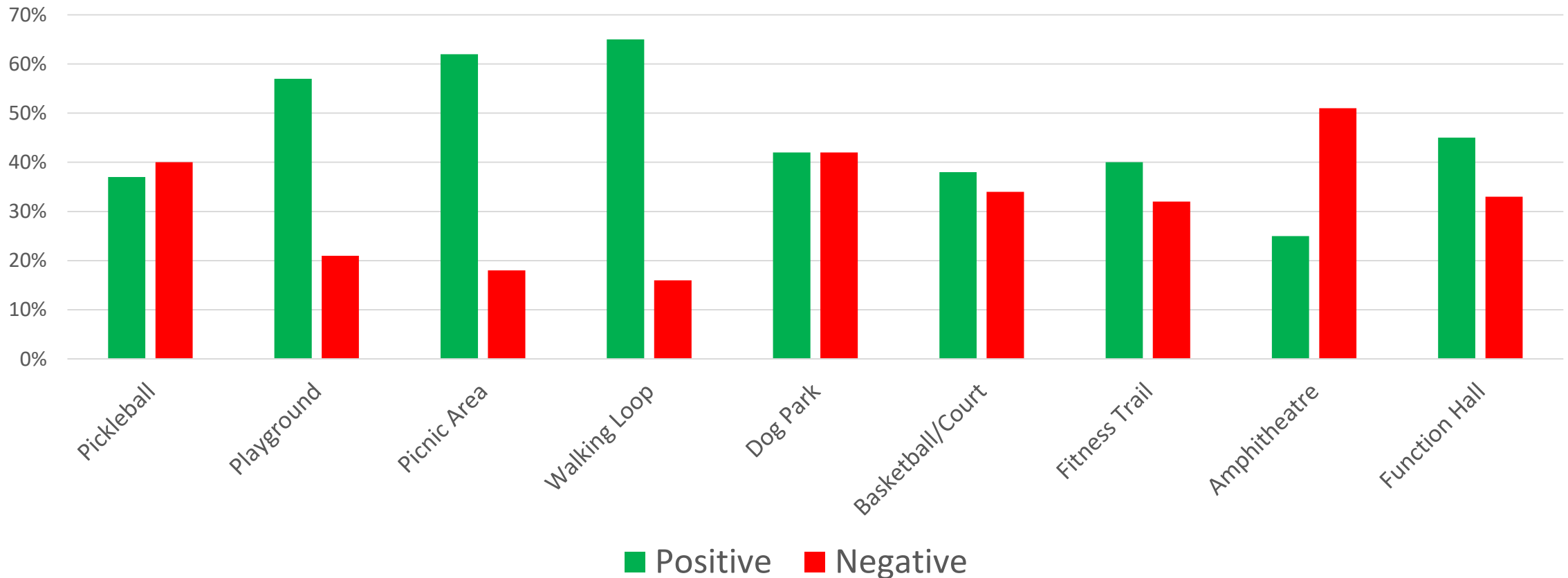
- Under 18
- 18-25
- 26-40
- 41-59
- 60-75
- Over 75



# Public Discussion and Input

# Survey Responses for Different Potential Uses of Holy Ghost Grounds

Comparing “Net Positive” responses (those who answered Strongly Agree or Agree) vs. “Net Negative” responses (those who answered Strongly Disagree or Disagree) with a particular use of the grounds





Questions?