

# Town of Brewster

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## Drummer Boy Park Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda 2198 Main Street, Room A February 20, 2024 at 6:00PM

### Members:

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Chair
- Devin McGuire, Vice  
Chair
- Chris Ellis  
(Recreation  
Commission), Clerk
- Jillian Douglass
- Allyson Felix
- Jay Green  
(Council on Aging  
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- Patricia Hughes  
(Nat. Resources  
Advisory Committee)

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Please note that the Committee may take official action, including votes, on any item on this agenda.

1. Call to Order
2. Declaration of a Quorum
3. Meeting Participation Statement
4. Recording Statement: As required by the Open Meeting Law we are informing you that the Town will be video and audio taping as well as broadcasting this public meeting. In addition, if anyone else intends to either video or audio tape this meeting they are required to inform the chair.
5. Public Announcements and Comment: Members of the public may address the Committee on matters not on the meeting's agenda for a maximum of 3-5 minutes at the Chair's discretion. The Committee will not reply to statements made or answer questions raised during public comment but may add items presented to a future agenda.
6. Review & Discuss Results of Community Survey
7. Discuss Format of Town Meeting Report
8. Approve Meeting Minutes: February 6, 2026
9. Future Meetings: March 4 and March 18, 2024
10. Other Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair
11. Adjournment

**Date Posted:**  
02/15/2024

**Date Revised:**

**Received by Town Clerk:**



## DRUMMER BOY PARK SURVEY

### RESULTS AND DATA INTERPRETATION

February 20, 2024

The following is provided to assist with understanding, interpreting, and using the survey summary data.

- The total number of completed surveys is **1470** – **15%** of Brewster’s age-eligible residents (based on 2023 Town Census)
- Because respondents did not answer all questions, the tables include the “n” or number of responses for each survey item.
- The demographic questions and uses of the park are categorical measures and reported in percentages.
- Questions for the four areas of potential improvements are measured with a 4-point Likert scale for degree of importance (1=“not at all important” to 4=“very”) or a 5-point Likert scale for degree of agreement (1=“strongly disagree” to 5 =“strongly agree”).
- The following statistics are reported for each survey item:
  - Mean: the average of all rating values
  - SD or standard deviation: a measure of the amount of variation or dispersion of the ratings. A low standard deviation indicates that the values tend to be close to the mean or average rating, while a high standard deviation indicates that the ratings are spread out over a wider range.
- The range of ratings was either 1-4 or 1-5 for all Likert scale items; therefore, the range is not included in the tables.

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

### RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTICS

- Generally Brewster’s older resident group
- Live here full-time
- More likely to be long-time residents
- Most likely to visit DBP occasionally or infrequently

### PARKING

- Majority prefer no changes
- Support for a similar number of spaces and using permeable materials, not asphalt
- Designated parking spaces and curbing not supported

### STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

- Majority have no opinion about current conditions but still think that improvements are important
- Establishing stormwater management techniques reported as somewhat important
- Using a variety of alternative stormwater management techniques is important

### ACCESSIBILITY AND CONNECTIVITY

- Majority neutral or satisfied with current accessibility and connectivity
- Modest support for additional benches and improving accessibility of woodland trail
- No support for distance markers or clearing trees and shrubs along 6A

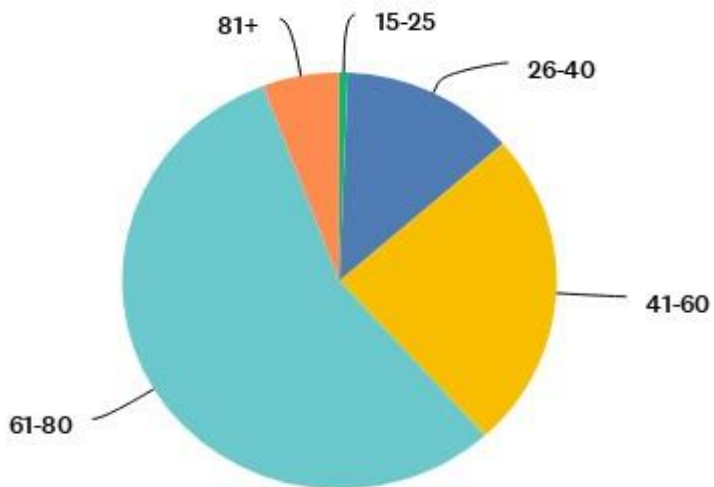
### AMENITIES

- Vast majority neutral or satisfied with current amenities
- New or improved amenities rated “moderately important” or “very important”:
  1. Water station (57%)
  2. Year-round toilets (51%)
  3. Playground (49%)
  4. Signage about history (44%)
  5. Viewing platform (43%)
  6. Pavilion (42%)
  7. Bandstand (35%)
  8. Signage about amenities (30%)
  9. Moving large events (26%)

### COMMENTS REFLECTING PREDOMINANT SENTIMENTS

- “Would not prioritize over many other projects the town needs to fund.”
- “Leave it as it is.”
- “Keep the park as natural as possible.”

## RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTICS



AGE	n	%	Town Census %
15-25	9	0.6	6.8
26-40	189	13.0	14.3
41-60	360	24.7	20.8
61-80	816	56.0	42.6
Over 80	83	5.7	10.1

RESIDENCE	n	%
Full-time	1126	78.8
Part-time	321	22.2

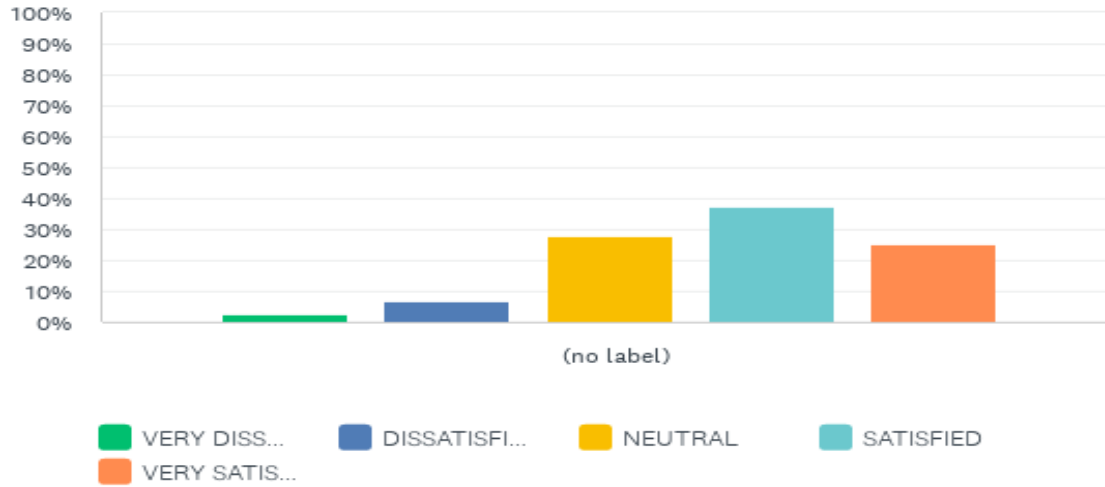
YEARS OF RESIDENCE	n	%
5 or less	278	19.2
6-10	252	17.4
11-20	289	19.9
More than 20	630	43.5

FREQUENCY OF PARK VISIT	n	%
Frequently (a few times each month)	356	24.2
Sometimes (several times a year)	781	53.1
Occasionally (once or twice a year)	308	21.0
Never	25	1.7

WHAT RESIDENTS LIKE / WOULD LIKE TO DO AT THE PARK	USERS n=1412		NON-USERS n=25	
	n	%	n	%
Walk or run on paved paths	659	46.7	7	29.2
Walk woodland trail	818	57.9	7	29.2
Picnic	300	21.3	11	45.8
Visit the playground	570	40.4	0	---
Play on grassy fields	391	27.7	1	4.2
Walk a dog	389	27.6	5	20.8
Organized group activities	182	12.9	3	12.5
Meet / visit with family or friends	514	36.4	3	12.5
Enjoy the vista	729	51.6	4	16.7
Attend events (concerts, craft fairs, Conservation Day, Holiday tree lighting)	1006	71.3	11	45.8
Visit the Historical Village and Windmill	620	43.9	3	3
Visit the Whale Rock and trail on Windmill Meadow	339	24.0	4	4
Visit the Cedar Ridge Preserve	240	17.0	3	3
Other	88	6.2	0	---

## PARKING

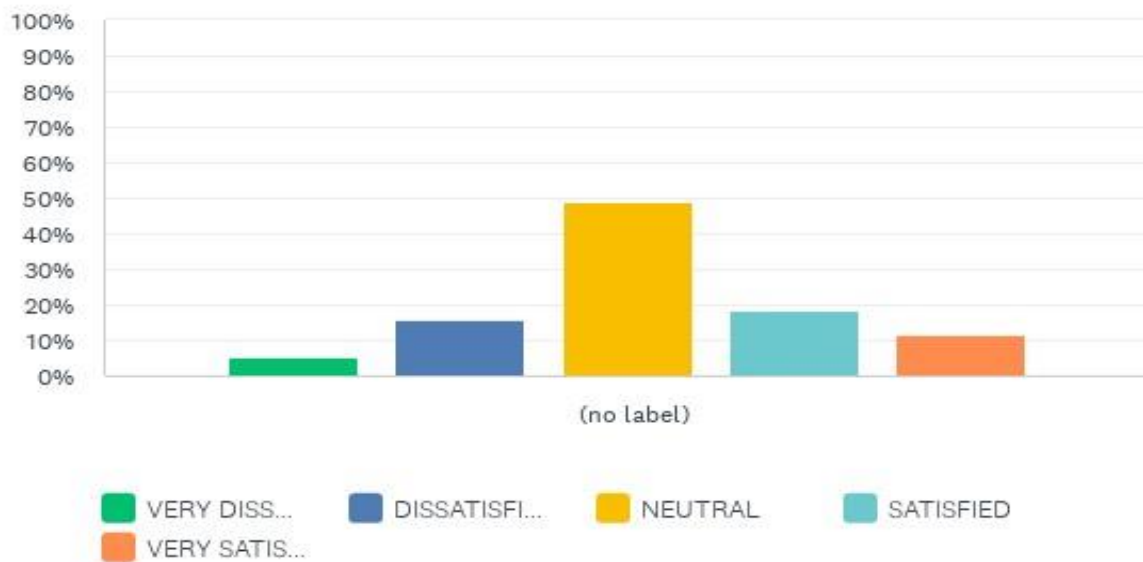
Satisfaction with Current Parking (5-point measure)	n	Mean	SD
	1352	3.8	1.0



Potential Improvements (4-point Measure of Importance)	n	Mean	SD
Designating and marking paved parking spots to improve safety, circulation, and availability of parking spaces	1342	1.9	1.1
Using materials other than asphalt pavement, such as crushed stone or permeable pavement or pavers, for parking areas	1321	2.5	1.2
Maintaining a similar number of parking spaces as available now	1332	3.0	1.0
Adding curbing to prevent parking on grassy fields (except for planned large events)	1327	1.6	1.0
Making no changes to the informal parking arrangement currently available	1324	3.0	1.1

## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

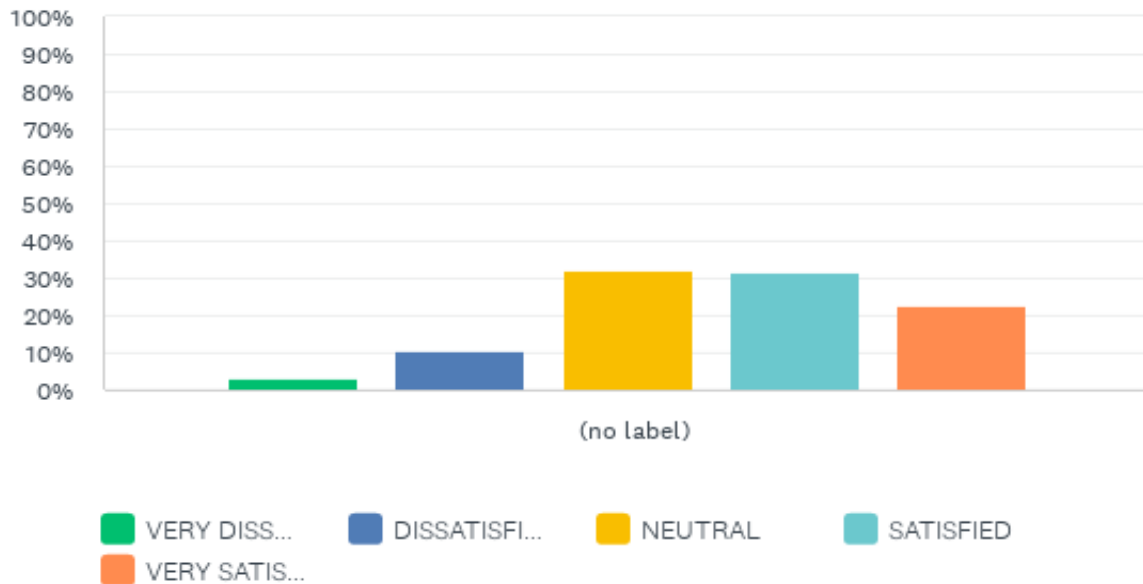
Satisfaction with Current Stormwater Conditions (5-point measure)	n	Mean	SD
	1269	3.2	1.0



Potential Improvements (4-point Measure of Importance)	n	Mean	SD
Establishing stormwater management features (drainage improvements such as catch basins) to minimize flooding and ponding and to remove stormwater from heavily used areas	1300	2.5	1.1
Using a variety of alternative stormwater management techniques, including "green" techniques such as rain gardens and vegetative swales wherever possible	1306	2.9	1.1

## ACCESSIBILITY AND CONNECTIVITY

Satisfaction with Current Accessibility and Connectivity (5-point measure)	n	Mean	SD
	1228	3.6	1.1

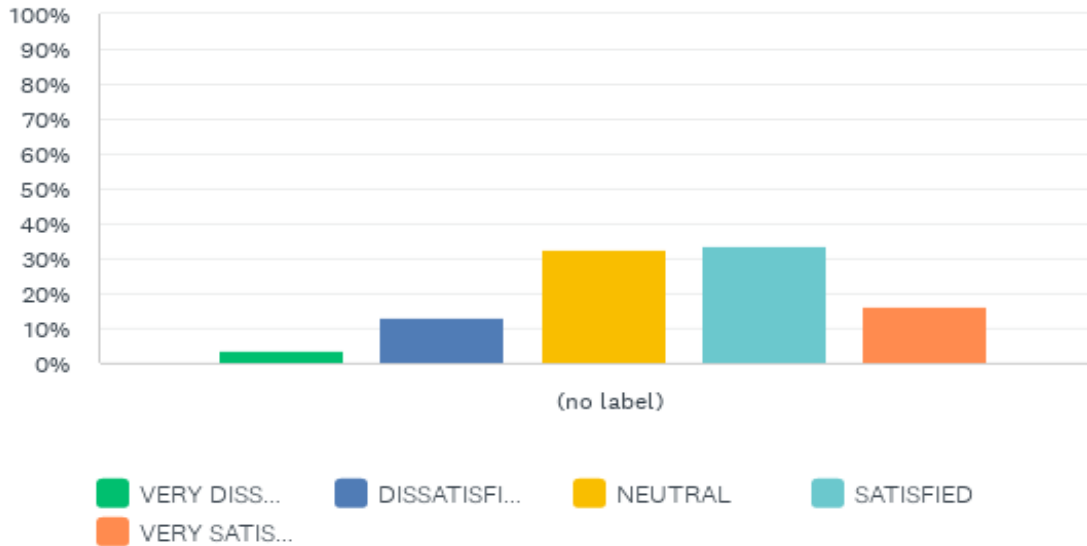


Potential Improvements (4-point Measure of Importance)	n	Mean	SD
Extending current network of paved paths	1261	2.0	1.1
Adding distance markers on paved paths	1271	1.7	1.0
Placing additional benches at spaced intervals for those with mobility challenges	1278	2.6	1.0
Making the woodland trail more accessible	1273	2.4	1.2
Establishing more formal connections to the Brewster Historical Society and Brewster Conservation Trust properties	1273	2.2	1.1
Creating a trail to the adjacent Cedar Ridge property	1273	2.3	1.1
Selectively clearing some understory vegetation and invasive species to enhance the marsh and bay views	1278	2.6	1.1
Selectively clearing some trees and shrubs along Route 6A to enhance the roadside view	1279	1.6	1.0



## PARK AMENITIES

Satisfaction with Current Amenities (5-point measure)	n	Mean	SD
	1196	3.5	1.0



Potential Improvements (4-point Measure of Importance)	n	Mean	SD
Building an ADA compliant covered pavilion with picnic tables on the site of the current storage building	1265	2.2	1.1
Putting in year-round toilet facilities	1268	2.5	1.2
Installing a water station	1267	2.7	1.1
Relocating and renovating the playground to be ADA-compliant and closer to the shade pavilion for better drainage	1264	2.5	1.2
Upgrading or improving the bandstand/gazebo	1268	2.1	1.0
Adding appropriately sized signage to identify all of the amenities at the park	1269	2.0	1.0
Adding appropriately sized signage to explain the history and ecology of the area	1268	2.4	1.0
Adding a viewing platform overlooking the marsh	1266	2.3	1.2
Moving some large events to other locations in town	1266	1.9	1.1