

Budget Stabilization Rainy Day Fund Policy for the Town of Brookline Vermont

PURPOSE: The selectboard of the Town of Brookline believes that sound financial management requires that sufficient funds be maintained by the Town for unplanned spending needs such as emergency repairs, emergency purchases and grant matches. Maintaining such funds will help sustain the stability of the Town tax rate and reduce the need for short-term borrowing.

OBJECTIVE: Upon recommendation of the selectboard, on March 6, 2023, votes of the Town authorized establishment of a reserve fund in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804. The selectboard's objective is for adequate funds to be set aside in this reserve fund and that these moneys not be spent for regular Town expenditures or used to reduce property taxes

RESERVE FUND EXPENDITURES: The reserve fund was established by the voters for the purpose of budget stabilization. To this end, the selectboard will only use the reserve fund to purchase emergency supplies, make emergency repairs, and / or match grants that were not budgeted for. Any expenditure of the reserve fund by the selectboard for such purposes shall require approval of a majority of selectboard members at a duly warned selectboard meeting. In accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804(a), expenditure of the reserve funds for any other purpose shall require the authorization of a majority of the voters present at an annual or special town meeting.

The foregoing Policy is hereby adopted by the selectboard of the Town of Brookline Vermont, this 3rd day of January 2024 and is effective as of this date until amended or repealed.

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