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Regarding the resolution to bond 2.4 million dollars to implement the energy audit performed by Johnson's controls, it seems logical to me that you would pay the 25,000 for the study. Instead of bonding 2.4 million dollars, which would break the council's agreement not to bond any more than the bonds we retire and would raise the spending above the spending cap, it would be better to wait and see what your budget looks like when the Council finally adopts it.

At this time, you should implement only whatever savings projects we can afford, under the spending cap, and do them when the funds become available. I would also like to see a written report of the results of the previous energy audit and how the savings came to pass if they did at all. I would suggest that no new spending take place until you interact with the budget and what your revenue stream will look like.

As Mr. Joyal, when discussing the budget in today's paper. was quoted as saying Most notably, and perhaps most obviously ,is the state of the economy which has required the city , even more than in past years, to consider the ability of taxpayers to shoulder more burden during a time when employment is uncertain, retirement portfolios are dwindling and businesses are contracting"

Other impacts to our city budget .referred to by the City Manager, is the feeling of the crunch from Concord, downshifting the proposed elimination of the Shared Block Grant Revenue, 5 % reduction of state contributions to the state retirement system, and proposed state cuts to programs, services, wastewater projects and state building aid.

As the above statements indicate, like I have expressed in the past, certainly it is evident that no new monies be spent on projects until the budget indicates what monies you have available. The City Manager and I are in agreement with the quoted statements which should indicate a wait and see on the Energy project.

I am trusting that you will do the best you can for the citizens of Dover.

Edward J. Bleeker

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It never ceases to amaze me that council members attempt to spend money weekly that you nor your citizens have . I sometimes wonder if what I suggest weekly is ever heard.

My question this evening , is to ask you if any of you have had access to and read thoroughly the full agreement that was made between the City Manager and me. If not, I will gladly supply you with a copy of the agreement. You will find that the agreement with Mr. Pechel is 180 degrees opposite of the settlement between the City and myself that was also agreed to by you.. It is my understanding that the issue could be brought up by one of you for reconsideration. I sincerely hope that whomever you are , will reconsider and not attempt to do this. It would be better to have it presently die on the vine. If anything, this should be brought up as part of the budget process and not given to Mr. Peschel as a special gift. As in today's paper, the teacher's are waiting to see if you give this 18% raise and could set a terrible precedent.

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