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All,

I just wanted to pass along my perspective of the proposed 2021 FY budget. We have a tax cap for a reason. It doesn't make a lot of sense to override it and pass a budget that exceeds the cap. With everything going on in the world right now, I don't feel the citizens of this community need to be hit with the type of increase the current proposed budget would bring. Many are struggling to pay for basic needs and we are early in this pandemic. And, once it eases, it's going to take a lot of folks to recover from this economic downturn if it's even possible for them to get back to life as it was before.

We don't need an increase. I'm sure we'll get one but certainly we should expect to see it stay within the tax cap. A really novel idea would be to develop a budget that results in no additional tax burden to the citizens of this community. That is something the citizens of this community could really use. I urge you to bring in a budget that does not override the tax cap or, try shooting for something that results in no or very little additional burden to the citizens of Dover.

Concerned citizen,

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