

**“FINANCIAL DISASTER” CONTINUES TO ESCALATE  
POTENTIAL DOUBLE-DIGIT TAX INCREASE, SERVICE CUTS LOOM**

**“I find it is time [for] the citizens of Nashua to ‘shock’ our elected officials by considering a total recall of our elected officials, starting at the top with Mayor Bernie Streeter and the entire Board of Aldermen.”**

*– Joseph W. Dubois Jr., Nashua Resident, Telegraph, April 21, 2005.*

**“A significant number of aldermen are gravely concerned about the financial plan presented to them for review and passage. They should be, as they are now the ones that must bring order to this fiasco.”**

*– Michael Daley, Nashua Resident, Telegraph, April 21, 2005.*

“Tell us how in hell are you going to run the Pennichuck Water Works when you can’t even run the city. Voters, watch the next election. It’s time to make big changes, which we should of done the last time.”

*– Leo Poliquin, Nashua Resident, Telegraph, April 21, 2005.*

**“Give me a break! You have to be kidding. Are you really thinking about eliminating transportation for the high schools because of budget cuts? I think that eliminating busing for the high schools will be disastrous, and I think it is discriminatory. Tardiness and absenteeism will increase. Safety of our children will be compromised.”**

*– Ruth Meyer, Nashua Resident, Telegraph, April 17, 2005.*

Your aldermen are working overtime to address the multi-million dollar shortfall in the city’s budget. Some of them are getting upset with the process and with things they’re finding out along the way. For instance, the board recently found out some city officials are receiving monthly stipends – some over \$1,000 per month – in addition to their salaries.

They’re also trying to keep this financial disaster from happening again. The board passed legislation to allow voters – for the third time in four years – to change the city charter to require 10 aldermen to approve the city’s budget. Acting Mayor and Board President Brian McCarthy vetoed it, but the board overrode his veto. Their actions should be applauded.

Can you imagine where the city would be right now if its leaders didn’t have to spend all their time worrying about a \$9.5 million budget shortfall? And where would the city be right now if it hadn’t spent or committed over a million dollars on an eminent domain battle against Pennichuck that may cost millions more before it is ended? They wouldn’t be talking about raising taxes by up to 14%, cutting high school bus service, and closing a highly successful alternative school.

At [www.smartwater.org](http://www.smartwater.org), thank the aldermen who are starting to speak out about what this budget mess is doing to taxpayers like you. Let the city of Nashua know it’s time to resolve this costly dispute with Pennichuck so the aldermen don’t ever again have to waste as much time and energy as they are now to bridge a budget shortfall that could have been prevented.



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