Although it is clear that the mayor of the town of Hopewell is conscientious and desires to improve the town’s economy and tax revenues. There is not enough evidence to support the conclusion that the best way is to build a golf course and resort hotel similar to those in Ocean View.

The mayor claims that the nearby town of Ocean View’s tax revenues have risen by 30 percent during the past two years with tourism increasing and new businesses opening there. However, he didn’t mention the situation of Hopewell's economy and tax revenues and has not made comparison between Hopewell and Ocean View. Isn’t it possible that international economic situation is favorable during the past two years and Hopewell's tax revenues has also risen by 30 percent or even more? No evidence shows that Ocean View’s economy and tax revenues have risen more than Hopewell after they built the new municipal golf course and resort hotel.

Perhaps Ocean View’s economy and tax revenues performed better than Hopewell during the past two years. There is no evidence indicating that the golf course and resort hotel contribute to the great performance. The mayor uses the positive correlation between economy situation with golf course and resort hotel to establish causality but it cannot be proved. Maybe the increasing of tax revenues is caused by other factors such as population growth and inflation.

Finally, even if the golf course and resort hotel lead to Ocean View’s economy and tax revenues performing better, the fact that happened two years ago is not a sound evidence for the mayor to draw the conclusion. The mayor neglects different locations and different natural condition, which caused different development path of the two towns. Maybe advisable to build golf course and resort hotel in Ocean View but it is possible that same measures can result in economic loss in Hopewell.

To conclude, the mayor should do more investigation and make a suitable plan for Hopewell to improve economy and generate additional tax revenues.