

Selectmen's Minutes
74 Martin Street (Temporary Town Hall)

June 24, 2016

Present: Selectman Gould-Coviello, Selectman Doane, and Town Administrator Zubricki.

Selectman Gould-Coviello called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. at the Temporary Town Hall at 74 Martin Street.

Mr. Zubricki reported that with regard to the Sewer invoice from the City of Gloucester dated June 6, 2016, the City is attempting to unilaterally increase the Town's rate above what is authorized by the Intermunicipal Agreement. The Agreement states that the Town is required to pay the same rate as the City's residential users, which is currently \$13.80 per thousand gallons. The latest bill from the City is based on a rate of \$18.52 per thousand gallons, and also seeks additional charges for the prior billing period, which the Town already paid in full. The City claims that the increase is based on sewer department debt service, but there is nothing in the contract which authorizes the City to recover debt service in this manner. Mr. Zubricki said that after discussion with Town Counsel, he recommended that the Town pay only for the number of gallons used for the current billing period at the residential rate of \$13.80 per thousand gallons. Mr. Zubricki said that he had prepared a letter to the City to that effect.

The Selectmen were in agreement and Selectman Gould-Coviello moved to adopt the Town Administrator's recommendation to pay Gloucester only for the number of gallons used for the current billing period at the residential rate of \$13.80 per thousand gallons and to direct the Town Administrator to send the letter he prepared. The motion was seconded, and unanimously voted.

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

Documents used during this meeting include the following: None.

Prepared by: _____
Brendhan Zubricki

Attested by: _____
Susan Gould-Coviello