

**CITY OF RUTLAND
BOARD OF FINANCE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2018**

Present: President Davis, Mayor Allaire, PA Magro, Acting Treasurer Markowski, Chief Kilcullen, Manager Peterson, Chief Lovett and Chris Keyser.

Mayor Allaire called the meeting to order at 3:15pm.

Fuel Oil Contract

Mayor Allaire stated he called in Chris Keyser to talk about the situation that happened this week with multiple city owned buildings on automatic delivery that ran out of oil. Chris Keyser stated he apologized for the problems that occurred due to the lack of fuel deliveries and was not going to make any excuses. However, he did want to point out that this was a perfect storm from the problems with the answering service running out of phone lines, to the forecasting system not taking weather into consideration but he wanted to tell us his plan going forward to ensure this does not happen again.

He will convert all city owned buildings from the Mac's Julienne system to their own forecasting system that takes in account weather. Chris Keyser also gave out his personal cell phone number to all in attendance to ensure that if anyone calling was not able to get through, they could call him personally.

Mayor Allaire asked specifically if the company was still a local company. Mr. Keyser stated he sold his interest in 2011 but all operations were still locally controlled. President Davis also asked where the phone calls were being answered and he stated they were answered at West St./Pine St. office.

Mr. Keyser stated that all extraordinary expenses incurred by the City of Rutland due to the lack of fuel oil will be reimbursed by Keyser Energy.

Bob Peterson stated he would like his tank volumes to be lowered so they would be filled more often. Mr. Keyser thought that was a great idea and will make the adjustments in his system. Mr. Keyser also stated that the City needs to look at the digester buildings and their capacity for fuel oil during the winter months.

Mayor Allaire stated that this was already being looked at. Mayor Allaire thanked Mr. Keyser for coming in and talking with the Board of Finance. He stated he would be in touch with him early next week.

Mr. Keyser left the Board of Finance at 3:40pm.

The Board discussed whether to make any changes to our current contract with Keyser or to enter into an agreement with another vendor. The Board members opted to continue with Keyser during the rest of this heating season.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55pm

Respectively submitted,
Sara Magro