

Norwich Childcare Committee  
Organizational Meeting Draft Minutes  
December 7, 2020

Attendance:

Committee Members: Rebecca Holcombe, Brian Loeb, Jamie Rosenfeld, Mary Layton

Public: Neil Odell, Mary Magavern, Doug Wilberding, Brie Swenson

The Committee decided to vote for a Temporary Chair and Secretary pending a meeting of the full committee.

Brian Loeb moved to elect Rebecca Holcombe as Chair for this meeting, second by Jamie Rosenfeld. Vote four yes (unanimous).

Mary Layton agreed to submit the minutes for this meeting and subsequent meetings if needed.

The public joined the new committee members in a wide ranging discussion that included the initial shaping of the scope and content under consideration. Topics included:

- Need to review and discuss both the Committee Charge and the pertinent Town Plan Section
- Start thinking about relevant Stakeholders, create a list
- Background reading will be bundled and shared by Rebecca
- Review projects and solutions in other VT towns
- Brian will send a link to the Town Plan section on childcare
- How to work with the Timeline as presented in the Charge
- Consider multiple program paths.
- Consider interrelationships of public/private programs
- Consider state and federal statutes and regulations, differing for age 0 to 5 years
- Think about small and large solutions
- Think about public outreach via a survey
- Create an initial report to submit to the Selectboard by February 10, 2021

Rebecca will send out a Doodle Poll to set a date for the next meeting. Mary Layton will write up a draft agenda and send it to the Committee, and when agreed upon will contact Miranda Bergmeier to warn the meeting. Mary will check with Miranda to understand the logistics of posting materials that we will review on the Town website in the interest of transparency.

Brian Loeb moved to adjourn, second by Mary Layton. Vote four yes (unanimous).