

Town of Norwich, Vermont
Childcare Committee Agenda
Thursday, January 7, 2021
8pm to 10pm

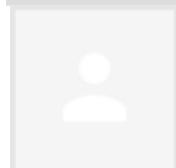
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86296036972>
via toll-free phone: 877-853-5257 Meeting ID: 862 9603 6972
Host Emergency Access number (Mary Layton 802-738-2033)

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Public Comment
3. Elect Officers: Chair, Secretary
4. Review Minutes, amend if needed, approve
5. Accept Correspondence from Rebecca Holcombe
6. Establish standing meeting date
7. Review charge with full committee
 - a) What will it look like if this group is successful?
 - b) When will we agree that we have succeeded?
8. Decide what stakeholders we need to consult. Create list.
9. Based on documents attached in December 8th correspondence coordinated and sent to the Committee by Rebecca Holcombe, decide
 - a) What is existing capacity or strength?
 - b) What gaps or weaknesses are noted?
10. New Business
 - a) Frame and assign subcommittee research
 - b) Frame interim report to be completed by March
11. Set next draft agenda

Action items from first childcare meeting, draft minutes and agenda

Inbox

Childcare Committee



Rebecca Holcombe

Tue, Dec 8, 7:27 PM

to me, Brian, jamielrosenfeld, Miranda, Neil

Hello members of the Norwich childcare committee,

Thank you for a productive first meeting, and thank you all who contributed so quickly to the following and attached. My apologies in advance for typos.

One important point: please do NOT reply all to this email, to avoid starting a "meeting" that would constitute a potential violation of public meeting laws.

Please read through this, as there are several action steps required of you prior to the January meeting.

1. **Action:** Please use the link below to a doodle poll to indicate when you might be able to meet for our second meeting. Please indicate all possible times you can make, not just preferred times, to give us maximum flexibility in scheduling. We will establish a regular meeting time at the next meeting, once the full membership has been appointed. https://doodle.com/poll/ezbkn2vy27y3xkv5?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link
2. **Action:** Review the attached information from the state's Bright Futures Child Care Information system on all licensed childcare programs in Norwich, with their licensed capacity. There currently are no registered programs (e.g. family cares) listed in Norwich. This list does not include any municipal recreation programs.
3. **Action:** review the links and attachments detailed below prior to the January meeting, and come prepared to discuss two questions (Thank you, Jamie!):
 - o What stakeholders do we need to consult? (come with a list)
 - o As you review the attached documents, what existing capacities or strengths could a proposal build on? What gaps or weaknesses did you note?

Prior Selectboard work related to childcare access (Thank you, Brian)

Norwich Town Plan: http://norwich.vt.us/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/Norwich_Plan_2020-ADOPTED-lr-.pdf pp. 33-35 provide information on affordability Household Income and house prices that speaks to competing financial pressures that may influence the ability of families to move to and stay in Norwich. pp. 48-49 address education and access to childcare.

See attached: Public forum: notes and list of attendees

See attached: Stakeholder interviews

"Norwich Childcare Committee: Background information" (see attached) which contains links to publicly available resources on child care supply, rates, and subsidies, as well as market shifts in this sector.

4. **Action:** Review the draft minutes from the first meeting. (Thank you, Mary!) Please review, as the first agenda item at the next meeting will be to review and accept these minutes.

5. **Action:** Review the draft agenda for the next meeting for your review, based on our closing discussion. If you have suggestions or requests, please email just me to make those requests, again, to avoid an open meeting violation.

Thank you all.

Best,

Rebecca Holcombe

