



TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS

CHILDCARE COMMITTEE

**Minutes of Meeting
Monday, May 12, 2025 at 12PM**

1. This meeting was held via Zoom only. Chair, Kate Van Olst called the meeting to order at 12:00pm. Committee members in attendance: Kate Tucci, Ruby Chang, Jenise Lucy, Mary Stephens. Others in attendance: Christopher Rembold, Ben Elliott, Jovanina Pagano, Cynthia Gray, and JP Okin.
2. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the meetings from February 24, 2025, March 31 2025, and April 28, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Next meeting dates were confirmed for June 30, 2025 and July 28, 2025.
4. Upcoming:
 - a. On 5/19 at 11am Families Like Ours is hosting an online forum: "We invite camp directors, parents of children with special needs, and local government officials to join us for a collaborative community meeting focused on shaping an inclusive and enriching summer camp experience. Your insights, experiences, and ideas are vital as we brainstorm together to identify needs, share resources, and build a supportive program that truly serves our children." Childcare Committee members are encouraged to attend.
 - b. Kate Van Olst shared a study commissioned by Berkshire United Way and Berkshire County Head Start in February 2025 - Child Care: A Strategy for Economic Vitality in Berkshire County. Please read the study for future discussion.
5. Projects:
 - a. Preparation for the Selectboard Meeting Monday May 19th at 6pm. Jovanina Pagano began organizing a presentation to the SB on the state of Out of School care for school age children.
 - i. JP Okin, from BHRSD, Jenise Lucy from Berkshire South, and Cynthia Gray from Greenagers will each present on their programs.
 - b. Discussion of promoting attendance and accessibility for the SB meeting.
6. Meeting adjourned at 1:00PM.