



November 16, 2021
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Zoom Meeting

1. Welcome & Recap - Councilor Bollinger

Documents:

[MANLIUS \(T\) SC MEETING 111621 YOUTH FOCUS GROUP.PDF](#)

2. Website Resources

Town Clerk Weber will review the updated resource Committee Members have available to them.

3. Community Outreach

Councilor Waters will discuss Community Outreach

- Spread the Word
- Participation from northern part of Town
- Encourage people to complete Surveys

4. Future Projects

Study Groups [3-6 meetings]

- Quarry
- Stormwater

Focus Groups [one meeting]

- Technology/Broadband
- Target areas for Sidewalks [SMTC study]

Listening Sessions [recorded]

- Indigenous Heritage

Old Erie Canal Working Group

5. Next Meeting Date - February 15th Tentative

Focus Groups Summary

Completed so far ...

THANK YOU to our Steering Committee members and Focus Group Leaders for your contributions to these events!

1. **Affordable Housing**
2. **Historic Preservation**
3. **Environmental Sustainability**
4. **Parents & Caregivers**
5. **Youth (2) – B&L**
6. **Town Staff – B&L**
7. **Farmers – B&L**
8. **Renters**
9. **Seniors**

Focus Groups Summary



Youth #2 (FM)

Date: October 13, 2021

Leaders: Dan Theobald, Grace DeSantis

Attendees: Approx. 15

Key Findings:

- Manlius is a highly desirable home for young families, but is less attractive for young adults without children
- Green space, local businesses, safety, and the school district are key assets
- Pedestrian and road safety is a primary concern

Recommendations:

- Install sidewalks
- Increase access to retail and entertainment establishments

Focus Groups Summary



Farmers

Date: October 26-29, 2021

Leader: Grace DeSantis

Attendees: 5 (individual interviews)

Findings:

- Solar farm installations, increasing taxes, changing weather patterns, and development encroachment are key challenges

Recommendations:

- Conserve prime soils and open space
- Assist farmers with farmland protection grant applications
- Increase public awareness of local farms and the farming industry (especially youth)