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ENERGY COMMITTEE

The EMC Energy Committee met on April 21 and May 12 with full agendas.

We examined the shading study for the library solar panels that was prepared by ETM Solarworks. Their proposed remediation, to install additional solar panels to mitigate the loss from the shading of a new parking garage, had the potential to be costly and self-serving. We discussed several other alternatives, including having the city purchase wind power to replace the environmental attributes lost from the shading, or to rewire the solar panels to minimize the shading loss. There are still other avenues left to explore. The Energy and Education Committees jointly prepared a memorandum for the Planning Department to represent the Energy Committee's views on this issue in further discussions with the City of Ithaca.

The Committee also discussed the draft Local Action Plan which makes up Milestone 3 of the Cities for Climate Protection campaign. Heather has devoted a lot of time to putting the plan together, and the Committee would like to acknowledge her efforts and thank her. The plan will enable the County to reach its goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, primarily through reducing building energy usage and gradually replacing the vehicle fleet. The Committee will present a resolution to adopt the Local Action Plan at the June EMC meeting.

The Energy Committee was represented at the Lansing Energy Fair on April 1, at The Ithaca Earth Day celebration in DeWitt Park on April 27, and the Ithaca Fest parade on May 29. In addition, Kenny Christianson attended the Binghamton Earth Day celebration at Broome Community College, where he discussed energy and burn barrel issues with the Broome County EMC and the library solar panels with Gay Canough of ETM Solarworks.

Co-opPlus Energy Cooperative now has 358 members, and submitted the third group of accounts to NYSEG Solutions on April 30, the

end of the grace period for the "Voice Your Choice" program.

Finally, the Energy Committee will submit a resolution in support of net metering legislation at the June EMC meeting.

The next Energy Committee meeting will be on June 9 at noon in the Old Jail small conference room.

- Submitted by Kenny Christianson

DON'T FORGET !

**THE NEXT EMC MEETING
WILL BE HELD 6/11/2003.**

MUNICIPAL REPORT - DANBY

The Town is still interested in the funding and eventual completion of a county-wide aquifer study. The Town Board has communicated this to the County Legislature in writing.

The new comprehensive plan for the Town has been submitted to the Town Board, and the revised plan received its first public hearing by the Planning Board on May 21st. Dave Forness of the DEC Forestry Department attended to provide information relevant to the Region 7 Master Plan and the appropriate unit action plans.

The Danby Park committee is currently in the process of negotiating a land transfer for a possible alternative entrance to the site. Additionally, the committee is in the process of preparing an application for a grant to landscape the park entrance and has arranged for an archeologist to inspect the southern portion of the site.

- Submitted by Bob Roe