LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 1971
COUNTY OF OTSEGO, NEW YORK

A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF
FORESTRY AND PARKS AND PRESCRIBING THE
FUNCTIONS, POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS
AND EMPLOYEES OF SUCH DEPARTMENT, PURSUANT TO
SECTION 10 OF THE MUNICIPAL HOME RULE LAW

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Representatives of the County of Otsego as
follows:

Section 1 - For the purpose of carrying out the programs of forestation, parks, and
recreation within the County of Otsego, there is hereby established a Department of
County Government to be known as the Department of Forestry and Parks of the County of
Otsego.

Section 2 - The head of said department shall be the County Forester and Parks
Administrator, appointed by the Otsego County Board of Representatives, whose salary
shall be fixed by the Board of Representatives of the County of Otsego, payable by the
County Treasurer in semi-monthly installments, and who shall be paid in additions thereto
the actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his official duties,
including a mileage allowance for the miles actually and necessarily traveled on official
business by use of his own automobile as fixed by this Board, upon the audit of duly
verified claims therefor by the Otsego County Auditor. Said Board of Representatives may
remove such County Forester and Parks Administrator for malfeasance or misfeasance in
office, upon written charges, after an opportunity to be heard not less that five (5) days
after the service upon such officer of a copy of such charges.

Section 3 - The term of office of such County Forester and Parks Administrator
shall be two (2) years, unless sooner removed by the Board of Representatives as above
provided. A vacancy in said office shall be filled by the Board of Representatives for the
unexpired term as prescribed by law.

Section 4 - The Otsego County Forester and Parks Administrator shall have and
perform all of the powers and duties conferred upon him by any general or special law, and
shall perform such additional and related duties as may be prescribed and directed by the
Board of Representatives of the County of Otsego. In addition thereto, he shall have the
following specific duties and functions:

1. The administration and management of the county forests and parks.

2. The development of management plans for the forest areas and long range plans
   for the over-all forestry program.

3. Design, layout and supervise construction of county parks.

4. The preparation of annual budgets for both the forestry and parks programs.

5. Establishing a schedule of operations on the county forestry lands.

6. Provide for adequate protection of the forests from fire, insects and disease.

7. To set up the working policy for each unit to follow.

8. To employ and discharge such personnel as may be required to carry out the
functions of the department.

9. To prepare specifications for the acquisition of machinery needed by the department.

10. To initiate and supervise the production and sale of various wood products.

11. To supervise the work done on private lands by county crews through the R.E.A.P. Program.

12. To engage in Public Relations Programs through speeches, newspaper articles, tours, dinners and similar activities. To promote the use of county parks and provide public knowledge of the work done in connection with the county forest.

13. To engage in training programs involving the Neighborhood Youth Corps.

**Section 5** - The Otsego County Forester and Parks Administrator may appoint qualified persons to the positions of employment established from time to time by the Board of Representatives of the County of Otsego for such department, including those persons who have heretofore held positions of the same grade by employment of this agency, and who are now qualified for such positions under the Civil Service Law, and such appointments shall be deemed a continuation of the services of said persons in said respective positions.

**Section 6** - The Otsego County Forester and Parks Administrator may procure at the expense of the County of Otsego a blanket undertaking from any duly authorized corporate surety covering the officers, clerks, and employees of the Forestry and Parks Department indemnifying the County of Otsego against losses due to failure of the officers, clerks and employees covered thereunder faithfully to perform their duties, or to account properly for all monies or property received by virtue of their positions of employment.

**Section 7** - The Otsego County Forester and Parks Administrator, with the approval of the Conservation and Agricultural Committee of the Otsego County Board of Representatives, may adopt rules and regulations, not inconsistent with law, for the conduct of the affairs and business of the Forestry and Parks Department.

**Section 8** - This local law shall take effect on the 20th day after it shall have been adopted, and certified copies thereof have been filed as required by Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

*Adopted: 6/2/71 by Resolution No. 85; Effective: 6/22/71*
selection of members to the Traffic Safety Committee, and explained forthcoming resolutions.

Mr. Bresee suggested the Buildings Committee look into the matter of name plates for personnel in the Oneonta office. Mr. Bresee also suggested the Highway Department sell the new County maps to the Oneonta Chamber of Commerce since the Chamber receives many requests for such maps. Mr. Winsor suggested the Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce might also be interested in such a project.

Mr. Tisenchek reported the Workmen's Compensation Committee had met twice and had reviewed all claims.

**RESOLUTION NO. 85**

**RESOLUTION—ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 3 CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND PARKS—HIGGINS, DI SCALA, GILDAY**

Messrs. Higgins, DiScala and Giday offer the following resolution and move its adoption:
RESOLVED, that Local Law No. 3 of 1971 creating the Department of Forestry and Parks be and the same is hereby adopted effective immediately.

Mr. Taughan seconded the resolution.
The roll was called on the adoption of the resolution and resulted as follows:
Total: 14; Ayes: 14; Noes: None; Absent: None. 
The Chairman declared Resolution No. 85 unanimously adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 86**

**RESOLUTION FOR CONTROLLED ACCESS—GILDAY, COUSE, DOWNIE**

Messrs. Giday, Couse and Downie offer the following preamble and resolution and move the adoption of the resolution:
Resolution approving reconstruction of Morris-Oneonta S.H. 1302 Otsego County as a controlled access highway.
Resolution introduced by Committee on Highways.
WHEREAS the New York State Department of Transportation has prepared plans for the reconstruction of Morris-Oneonta State Highway No. 1302 in Otsego County as a controlled access highway in accordance with the provisions of Section 30 of the New York State Highway Law,
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Representatives of Otsego County does hereby approve the reconstruction