

Water Department History

The Village of Fishkill first established a public water supply in the 1930's, the following document was taken from the official record of the New York State Department of Conservation Water Power and Control Commission, the forerunner to the current New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, NYSDEC. This document established the first water supply to serve the residents of the Village:

Charles E. L. Norris, Mayor of the incorporated village of Fishkill, in the town of Fishkill, Dutchess county, acting on behalf and in the name of said municipality, on August 15, 1930, made application to the Water Power and Control Commission for approval of the plans of said village for the acquisition or taking of a water supply, the taking and condemnation of lands for a source of water supply and of the construction proposed in connection therewith. This application was filed in the office of the Commission on August 20, 1930.

After due notice, published in the Beacon News, the hearing on this application was held in the Village Hall, in Fishkill, on September 10, 1930, at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon. At this hearing the Commission considered the petition, maps and plans submitted, examined witnesses and heard arguments for the project. The petitioner was represented by Messrs. Flannery and Supple, its attorneys, Leonard J. Supple, Esq., of counsel; also the Mayor, Trustee Theodore Williams and Village Clerk Delmar C. Ketcham appeared in support of the application. Joseph E. Shay, Esq., of Cold Spring, representing Messrs. Mosher, Foreman, Haight and Woods, was present at the hearing but entered no formal appearance.

On September 10, 1930, the Commission caused an engineering inspection to be made of the sites of the proposed works and of the proposed source of water supply.

WHEREFORE, the Water Power and Control Commission does hereby approve the said application, maps and plans of the village of Fishkill as thus modified.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Water Power and Control Commission has caused this determination and approval to be signed and has caused its official seal to be affixed hereto and has filed the same with all maps, plans, reports and other papers relating thereto in its office in the city of Albany, this 23rd day of September, 1930.

WATER POWER AND CONTROL COMMISSION

J. B. Greene

Superintendent of Public Works

Hamilton Ward

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Maurice J. Disney

Deputy Conservation Commissioner

Attest:

F. P. Williams

Secretary to the Commission