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SITE WALK RESPONSES – 126 VALLEY FORGE ROAD

Questions/comments follow:

- Has the regraded area above the pond been stabilized?

Per the owner's testimony, the entire disturbed area, including the area around the wetland/pond, had been stabilized with lawn.

- The commission asked about the pond and its details, and why it was not made part of the application, and whether the applicant would like to amend the application to include the pond and its features.

The application form had been revised to include the restacking of the wall near the pond and the installation of the aerator.

- What are the dimensions and characteristics of the rock wall on the westerly side of the pond? What keeps it in place? It appears work was done on the wall, how has it changed?

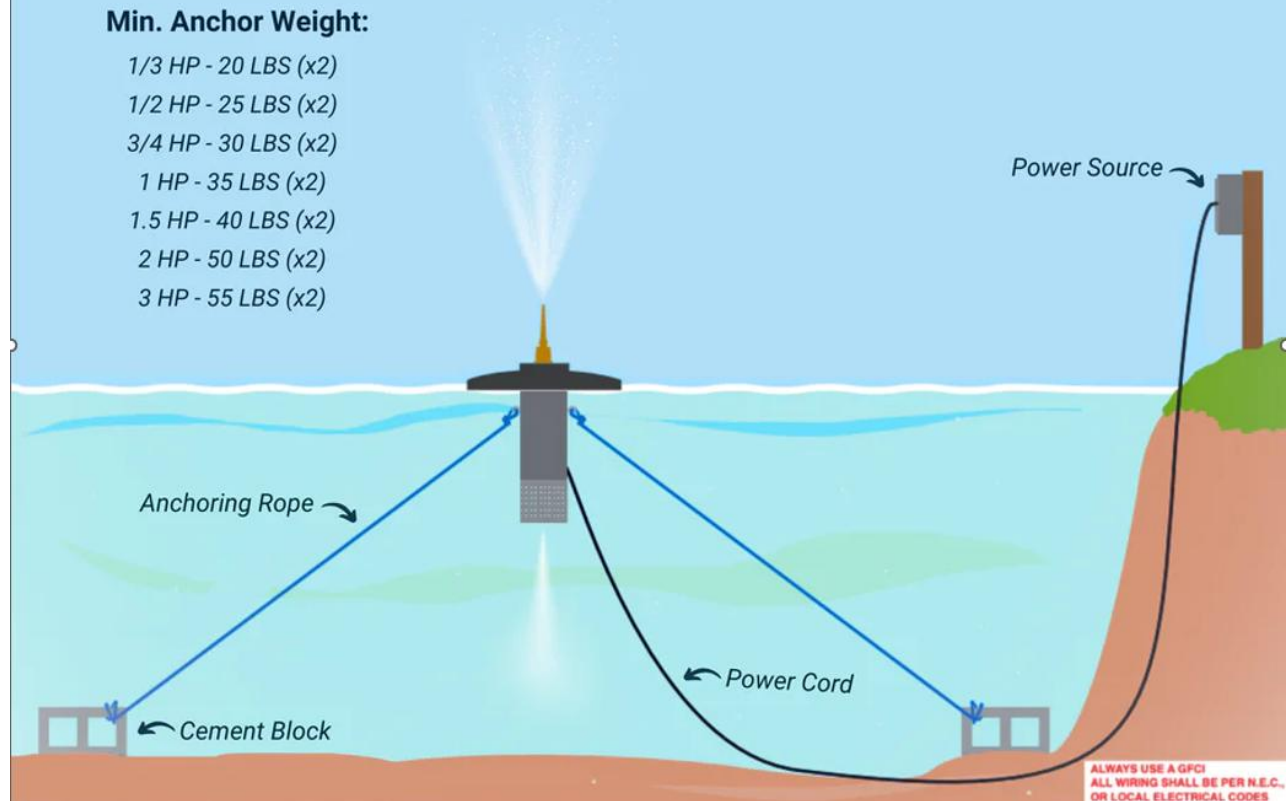
The owner stated, the wall along the pond existed before, but the stones weren't placed as nicely. It was more like rocks piled up against the bank of the pond. The rocks for the wall were all found on the property; none were brought in. It is a dry stone wall. The rocks are generally large, >1ft.

- Please describe details about the fountain in the center of the pond seen in pictures taken in April 2025. What is its purpose? How was it installed? What powers it? How will it be maintained?

The Scott Aerator DA-20 Aerating Pond Fountain was installed to replace the old one when the owner purchased the house. He ran a new power line in conduit with a new outlet, as the previous outlet was in poor condition and the wire was not in conduit. Its purpose is to maintain the pond's health by increasing oxygen levels and suppressing algae growth. As per the product specification, the Scott Aerator DA-20 Aerating Pond Fountain is a floating fountain that provides powerful aeration and a stunning display.

The fountain is known for its fast and easy installation. The oil-free motor requires zero maintenance. The fountain can be left in the pond for the winter.

Fountain Anchoring



- What is its status going forward? What, if any, alternatives are under consideration? Does the applicant want an alternative or its removal to become part of the application? Please provide details for either option.

The owner would like to keep the fountain running to maintain healthy oxygen levels during the summer months. The pond is isolated and shallow during the summer months. Its full sun exposure warms the water, depleting the oxygen. Added by the fountain, oxygen allows aquatic life to thrive during the hot, dry days.

- What is the plan for landscaping and replacement plants for the area around the river that was cleared of vegetation? How will the work on the new

vegetative buffers around the pond and river be done?

The proposed planting plan had been enhanced with an additional 6 red osier dogwoods proposed along the river. The planning should create only minor soil disturbance, which will be stabilized with mulch immediately after the plants are installed. If the commission prefers, a leaf mulch could be used as a more natural solution.

- What E&S controls will be used? Has an application been made for a FEMA flood zone permit regarding filling and regrading on the property? Will compensatory mitigation be required and wetlands permit needed?

No Soil Disturbance Application was filed with P&Z; therefore, we do not have a determination regarding the need for the compensatory storage. If requested, the fill encroaching into the flood zone will be removed.



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