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Conservation comments:

- (a) The proposed “34’ wide emergency/utility easement”, as outlined in the Stamski and McNary – preliminary Residential Compound Plans (revision Sept. 15, 2016), would provide little benefit to Camp Acton. It appears the location selected for the easement passes through both wetlands and buffer zone. Future access and camp site initiatives at Camp Acton will focus on making improvements to the existing access drive from Pope Road, installing a composting toilet and the development of a handicapped accessible camp site.
- (b) There may be some minor grading associated with the locations of the two new homes proposed, which may require wetlands filings. Site grading is not provided with the preliminary plans. Both proposed dwelling meet the Acton Wetlands Bylaw setback requirements.
- (c) The existing conservation trail accessing Spring Hill Conservation Area from Spring Hill Road appears to cross onto lot 1 of the residential compound. The Natural Resources Department will see that the trail is moved onto town property.
- (d) The proposed “restriction area” along the north and west sides of the development will provide a significant natural buffer/screening from the proposed houses to the adjacent conservation properties.