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Dear Mr. Watson,

We would like to introduce our department to you, and welcome you to historic South Acton Village, abutting a unique natural resource, Great Hill conservation/recreation land.

Acton's conservation lands are overseen by the Acton Conservation Commission. Over 1,700 acres of conservation land is maintained by the Land Stewardship Committee (www.actontrails.org). Land stewards are volunteers who tend trails for overgrowth or fallen trees; build boardwalks and bridges over wetlands; trail blaze trees (paint small color-coded rectangles); mulch; remove invasive plants; and monitor for illegal activity such as dumping leaves, lawn clippings, branches or trash. The land stewards will be maintaining the public trail easement throughout the year by weed-whacking or mulching. Please contact us with any questions or concerns throughout the seasons. I have enclosed a trail map, description of the land, and Acton conservation land rules and regulations.

As you may be aware, your property is adjacent to several parcels of land that have a conservation restriction on them, known as the **Gaebel CR**. A conservation restriction is a binding legal process that is recorded on the official deed of parcel(s). Conservation restrictions protect the land from construction, paving and/or other types of activities. We hope you will help protect the land by reporting anything that you feel may be contrary to the restrictions. If you email me at your next convenience, I will email you all the conservation restriction information for your files.

We would also like to notify you that a Boy Scout is planning to build an approximately 50' wooden boardwalk along the town's trail easement from Piper Road. There is a dip in the trail with a sub-grade culvert under your driveway. Occasionally this dip in the trail floods during rainy periods or heavy snowmelt in late winter/early spring. The Scout has been informed where the property line is, and that he is to keep his fellow Scout volunteers off your private property. Sometimes, however, Scouts contact neighboring property owners to ask permission to stand on their land or turn around in their driveway while delivering lumber for the boardwalk.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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