

Hampton Conservation Commission
September 27, 2011

Meeting called to order by Chairman Randy Thompson at 7:33 p.m. Also present: Wayne Kilpatrick, Marcia Kilpatrick, Penny Newbury, Phoebe Huang, Everett Hyde, Linda Gorman, and Bob Johnson.

Minutes of August 23, 2011 were accepted, with two corrections: (1) addition of "Hampton" to the spellout of Edwin Way Teale Memorial Sanctuary; and (2) addition of 'Freeman' to Joann's name.

Audience for citizens: none

Old Business:

Vadnais (Edwards) property update: The Commission charged Chairman Thompson to seek quotes from four appraisers for the property. The last appraisal for this property, some years ago, came in over \$300,000.

Loiselle Property: Andy Rzeknikiewicz of The Edwin Way Teale Memorial Sanctuary in Hampton will contact the owner.

Invasive plant of the month : Spotted Knapweed – this plant, which grows a taproot, prefers full sun, sandy, dry soil and is harmful for it will take over grasslands and poisons the roots of other plants.

Updated list of important properties in Hampton: Chairman Thompson distributed copies of a list of properties which he and Penny Newbury created; These are properties important to Hampton from a conservation/open space perspective. As a companion to this, Phoebe Huang offered to compile an inventory of most notable properties in Hampton from a conservation/historical/scenic perspective. There will clearly be overlap in these inventories.

Hampton Walks Brochure: Bob Johnson distributed mock-ups of the brochure with text. Julie Larson is working on the graphic design for the cover. This will be a very useful guide to many of Hampton's valued natural/ recreational resources.

Gazette articles Marcia Kilpatrick submitted an article on last month's invasive plant, the Black Swallow.

New Business

Questions for Candidates: The Commission discussed a variety of questions to pose to the candidates on October 17. These include determining each candidate's position on conservation and continued funding for Open Space.

Recording secretary: Phoebe Huang will continue to serve as acting recording secretary

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Submitted by Phoebe Huang, acting recording secretary