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From: Martina Mastromonaco [martinaonmv@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2013 10:12 PM
To: 'Jen Jamgochian- Wlodyka'; 'Pam Bunker'; 'Clarissa Allen'; 'Kristen Maloney'; Wayne; Tim; 'Warren Doty'
Subject: Fw: PBS Film Series - Squibnocket Beach Filming - Monday, June 17th

This request came into the Beach Department today, I would suggest they make this request to the BOS depending on the time of day this beach is open to all in July.

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Chilmark Beach Superintendent

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Chilmark Beach Sticker Dept. <beach@chilmarkma.gov>
To: Leah Williams <lwilliams3@gmail.com>; assessor@chilmarkma.gov; Martina Mastromonaco <martinaonmv@yahoo.com>
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Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2013 5:11 PM
Subject: Re: PBS Film Series - Squibnocket Beach Filming - Monday, June 17th

If after 5PM this could fall under a beach event

----- Original Message -----

From: [Leah Williams](mailto:Leah.Williams@chilmarkma.gov)
To: assessor@chilmarkma.gov ; beach@chilmarkma.gov
Cc: [Talleah Bridges McMahon](mailto:Talleah.Bridges.McMahon@chilmarkma.gov) ; [Tim Messler](mailto:Tim.Messler@chilmarkma.gov)
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2013 2:29 PM
Subject: PBS Film Series - Squibnocket Beach Filming - Monday, June 17th

Dear Ms. Bunker and Ms. Mastromonaco,

Hello, my name is Leah Williams and I work for Ark Media, an independent production company based in New York. I am writing to request permission to film at **Squibnocket Beach** this **Monday, June 17th** for an upcoming documentary series.

Currently, we are producing a six-part, six-hour series about the African American experience for PBS. *The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross* will be hosted by Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates Jr. It is slated for national broadcast in the fall of 2013 and will examine the 16th century up through the present day as understood from the point of view of African Americans at the time. We plan to explore some well-known

subjects as well as more obscure stories. The series is in the style of a travelogue in that Professor Gates visits various locations speaking with scholars, descendants and people who lived through some of the nation's most extraordinary events in an effort to examine history. You can find out more about our company here: <http://ark-media.net/>

At this time we are looking for picturesque locations where we can film with Professor Gates doing what we call "pieces to camera" for the opening sequence of various episodes for our series. Essentially, the crew films Professor Gates while he talks to the camera, introducing the series surrounded by beautiful landscape. We would like to film at Squibnocket Beach, not only is it a gorgeous landscape but we like the fact that it is a private beach as we are looking for something this is more secluded with shorelines and not cluttered with lots of hotels, homes and copious amounts of people with beach umbrellas etc.

Our plan would be to film on the beach in a direction that shows the water but also shows the expansiveness of the sand behind our host. We also want a place that is relatively accessible by vehicle. We would need to drive up to our location, unload our gear and equipment and film. We can travel a short distance walking with a metal cart or hand carrying our equipment, however we need to be able to park as close to any sites as possible. I understand it there is parking available.

We do not require exclusive access to the beach but we are looking for spaces that are rather secluded and unpopulated as we do not want to see people other than Professor Gates in our shot, nor do we want to compete with excessive noise either from people or nearby construction. Would it be possible to mark off a section of the beach through a permit?

We are a small crew of eight people. We would likely have four to five vehicles (two minivans, one SUV, and two regular sized vehicles). We film with one camera, tripod, slider and a small jib. We would likely film for about three to four hours beginning sometime in the morning. Our crew is planning to travel to the Vineyard on the morning of June 17th.

Typically, we do not make requests so close to our film date, however we had some unexpected changes that required us to consider new locations at the very last minute. Professor Gates is a long time resident of Martha's Vineyard and it would be fantastic if we could make this work.

Feel free to contact me at any time. The best way to reach m during the day is at **718-935-9745 ext. 122** or in the evenings on my cell phone at **917-566-7259**. I greatly appreciate your time and consideration.

Attached is a short synopsis of our series.

Best,

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