

PROVINCETOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

July 8, 2004
6:30 P.M.

Members Present: Dieter Groll, Elaine Anderson, George Bryant, and Paul Tasha.

Members Absent: John Santos (unexcused), Sarah Robin (unexcused).

Others Present: None.

Co-Chair Dieter Groll called the meeting to order at 6:40 P.M.

I. PUBLIC STATEMENTS:

None.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

IV. PUBLIC MEETING:

Determination of Applicability

Application by Tim Hoover, representing Volvo North American (AMCI Marketing), for Request for Determination of Applicability under the Provincetown Wetlands Bylaw, Chapter 12 of the Provincetown General Bylaws, and under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. c. 131, § 40. Applicant seeks approval to bring in roughly 100+ tons of clean beach sand to the Ryder Street beach. The sand will be used for creating a large sand sculpture and teaching sand sculpting to adults and children. At the end of the event, the sand will be properly spread out and left at the location – **the Ryder Street Beach** in Provincetown, MA.

Presentation: Steve Melamed, Chair of the Visitor's Service Bureau, appeared before the Commission. He has been contacted by Volvo of North America who wants to sponsor an event during Family Week. The event involves bringing in professional sculptors who create giant sand sculptures on the beach. Mr. Melamed is requesting that the Conservation Commission grant a Determination of Applicability for the project.

Public Comment: None.

Commission Discussion: An email from Mark Latour indicates that he spoke to Jim Mahala of the Department of Environmental Protection on June 25, 2004. Mr Mahala's comments were that the sand must be clean, and must be of a similar grain size and quality as the existing sand. He also said that the sand may be spread out on the beach after the event, since this is an appropriate form of beach nourishment. Finally, he was pleased that the Conservation Commission decided to hold a public meeting for formal consideration of this request. George Bryant informed the commission that they should use an ASTM standard test for measuring the composition of the sand. Mr. Melamed informed the Commission that according to representatives from the Sand Castle project, only sand and water will be used, and that forms will be used in the construction.

Elaine Anderson moved to grant a Negative #3 Determination of Applicability for the premises

located at the Ryder Street Beach with the following conditions:

- *Must use clean sand of similar grain size and quality. Use ASTM standards to determine grain composition ;*
- *Notify Conservation Commission or agent in advance of delivery to meet with agent for testing;*
- *No chemical additives may be used – only sand and water (fresh or ocean) may be used; and*
- *Notify Conservation Commission or agent in advance of final clean-up of the beach and spreading of the sand, to meet with agent prior to spreading.*

Paul Tasha seconded and it was so voted, 4-0.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Paul Tasha moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 P.M. and it was so voted unanimously.

These minutes were approved by a vote of the Conservation Commission at their meeting on July 22, 2004.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on August 26, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Dieter M. Groll

Approved by _____ on _____, 2004

Dieter Groll and/or Elaine Anderson, Co-Chairs