



Clifford, Hoagland to wed next year

Dan and Colette Clifford of Braintree, Mass. announce the engagement of their daughter Colleen Dinette Clifford to Christopher Post Hoagland, son of Peter and Susan Hoagland of Jamestown.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Tabor Academy, in Marion, Mass. and earned her bachelor's degree in from the University of Vermont in 2005. She is employed at New England Controls in Mansfield, Mass. as an account manager.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Rocky Hill School in East Greenwich, and earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Wheaton College in 1999. He manages the Inventory and Logistics Department for Evans Capacitor Company in East Providence.

The couple is planning a fall 2009 wedding.

Zoning

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certainly would help. He pointed out that Clarke's Village Lane has only one catch basin, "so all of the water runs down the road toward this catch basin. Whenever there is a big rain event water gathers and overflows onto adjacent properties," he said.

Bard's attorney, Joe DeAngelis, had asked Gray to testify as an expert witness. Gray said, "I believe the survey was accurate. There was an exposed area that is subject to erosion. I couldn't find any evidence that there was fill material. The soil appeared to be native."

Gray added that storm water runoff would have impact on the road itself if a house were built on the property. However, if the vertical embankment were not managed properly, excessive erosion could occur. He also cautioned the engineer to work closely with the architect to ensure that diverting storm water beneath the building would not endanger the inhabitants.

After Gray gave his testimony, opposing lawyer Andrew Bilodeau of Warwick, who represented nine abutting and neighboring property owners, called Richard Pastore, an engineer and chairman of the North Kingstown Planning Commission as an expert witness.

Pastore also questioned the problem of possible erosion and diversion of storm water run-off

as reasons for denying the application. He gave a detailed explanation of the amount of erosion that could occur in a specified length of time if conditions were right. He cited impact of waves on the exposed vertical embankment as well as run-off that was not spread out to weaken the intensity of water flow in a concentrated area.

The board members included in their finding of fact that the applicant also did not provide sufficient evidence that the request was for the least amount of relief necessary, a requirement of the ordinance. The motion to deny was passed with a unanimous decision.

In an unrelated case, Vice Chairman Don Wineberg moved to deny the application of David and Gilda Piccoli for a variance at their 584 East Shore Rd. house to construct an addition which will be 19-feet from the northerly lot line where 30-feet are required. The application is seeking a variance that goes no closer to the property line than it presently is.

Attorney John Murphy presented the case that asked to fill a notch on the northeast corner of the house that is approximately 17-by 13-feet with a 226-square-foot room on the first floor with no basement beneath it.

After considering the testimony, circumstances, and support by other board members in favor of the application, Wineberg reconsidered his position. He suggested

that he would vote in favor of the application for a variance for the 61,820 square-foot property with stipulations.

Town Solicitor Wyatt Brochu said that since the motion to deny was already tabled, the board was required to vote against the motion before a motion to grant the request could be made.

The motion to deny failed by a 3 to 2 margin. A motion to grant the request passed 4 to 1 under the condition that the applicant could not build a second story to the first floor addition. Ginnerty made the dissenting vote.

The board also considered the application of Patricia Ouimette, whose property is located at 783 North Main Rd., for a variance to construct a three-bedroom single family residential home located 39-feet from the northern property line and 36.8-feet from the southern property line.

The side setback for this zoning district is 40 feet. The 1-foot northern variance was to accommodate a proposed chimney and the 3.2-foot southern variance was to make room for a proposed stairway. The house structure is completely within the building setback lines. The existing house will be demolished upon completion of the proposed home. Said property is located in an RR200 zone and contains 24,050 square feet. The board voted unanimously for approval.

POLICE LOG

Marijuana possession charged

Lauren Amos, 22, of Bristol was charged Aug. 27 with first offense marijuana possession after she was stopped at Ft. Wetherill for violation of state park closing regulations, police said.

Amos was scheduled for arraignment Sept. 5 at Newport District Court, police said.

Drunk driving charged

Genaro A. Merette, 45, of Providence was charged Aug. 29 with drunk driving with a .10 to .15 blood alcohol content after

police stopped him for erratic operation of a vehicle on Route 138, police said.

Merette was held at the police station and a Sept. 5 arraignment date was scheduled at Newport District Court, police said.

Michael Nicynski, 34, of North Providence was charged Aug. 30 with first offense drunk driving and refusal to submit to a Breathalyzer test after he was stopped for running a stop sign, police said.

Nicynski was scheduled for a Sept. 12 arraignment at Newport District Court, police said.

Gary G. Ingram, 51, of Providence was charged Aug. 31 with first offense drunk driving and refusal to take a Breathalyzer test after he was stopped on Route 138 westbound for speeding and swerving, police said.

Ingram was held overnight at the police station and a Sept. 5 pre-trial hearing was scheduled at Newport District Court, police said.

Suspended license and warrant violation charged

Jeffrey R. Johnson, 34, of North Kingstown was charged Sept. 1 with a warrant violation for failure to attend a court hearing for driving with a suspended license after the North Kingstown Police Department alerted Jamestown police that he works in a local restaurant, police said.

Johnson was picked up and held at the Jamestown police station where he was arraigned and then turned over to the NKPD. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for Sept. 5 at Newport District Court, police said.

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