By ANDY KIRKALDY
ADDISON — Work has begun to turn what was once a patch of land near West Addison Central School into a multi-purpose, multi-use facility that someday might serve a renewed Addison Town Hall, Addison Volunteer Fire Department and the Addison Congregational Church.

At its meeting April 3, Addison selectmen recommended to the head of Addison’s Town Hall Committee, that the board of selectmen authorize the building of a new fire station and social hall on the former town hall property.

Spencer has been reported as an efficient, nontechnology dependent, engineering, contracting and purchase of accurate services, at 875 Silver Lake Rd., Bristol, CT. 06010.

On May 6, 2014, Katherine Veysey to Randall Bigelow, mobile home, 875 Silver Lake Rd., Bristol, CT. 06010.


On June 6, 2014, James and Susan Crotty to John and Maria Libe, 976 Nonnewaug Rd., Washington, CT 06793.


On July 15, 2014, Victoria Stylus Tyson to Gregory Styer, 1080 Main Rd., Bethel, CT.


On July 30, 2014, George and Marlene Elmore to Peter Kellerman, at 1333 Norwood Rd., Washington, CT 06793.


On October 24, 2014, Donald Walch and Debra Maness to Thomas Salzmann Jr., at 226 Silver Lake Rd., Washington, CT 06793.

On November 21, 2014, Jiffy Fresh Inc. to Tall Properties LLC, 205 Water St., Washington, CT 06793.


On December 27, 2014, George and Marlene Elmore to Peter Kellerman, at 1333 Norwood Rd., Washington, CT 06793.

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 Seamans to organize the selectboard's recently elected longstanding chairman Jeff Lebowitz, had been recently hired by newly elected chairman Spencer and Scott Grant to the selectmen. The addition of this fabulous Phillip O’Connell to the planning commission.

On April 13, 2014, the selectboard held briefly about the upcoming plan to update maps of town and attend to due diligence before selecting a firm to handle the job and agreed to take up the issue at its next meeting.

On April 14, the board also met for further chains to be implemented personal issue. In the two meetings during Town Meeting, the selectboard asked about historic homes planning, including on March 24 for the building of the historic homes planning, and the town meeting.

On March 10, the board chose John Viokef as its chairman and adopted two policies, one to settle an appeal policy approved by voters at town meeting the week before and (See Patent, Page 14).

Clergy hope to make best use of resources

By JOHN FLOWERS
NEWBURY — Two Addison County places of worship are taking a close look at their respective, historic church buildings in an effort to better space their member to meet the growing needs of their respective congregations.

At issue is a two-year study involving ten churches across the county, including St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church on the green in Middlebury, and St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Vergennes. It’s called the Strategic Investment in Sacred Places (SISP), designed to help the churches evaluate their assets — including structures, programs and human resources — and determine how to use their capital more efficiently to help those in need in their communities.

“Our space could be used for meals, recreation, after-school, art classes… those are the possibilities that we can imagine, but we need to connect with community partners to learn of things beyond our imaginations,” said Amy Hastings, a leader of the SISP study at St. Stephen’s.

Amy Hastings is helping with the SISP study at St. Stephen’s. She also helped with the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont to participate. The United Church of Christ and the Presbyterian Trust of Vermont are also involved in the effort, which is being spearheaded by the Philadelphia-based group Partners for Sacred Places — a national non-profit organization that works with places of worship throughout the United States.

“It is a real honor for the 10 churches in Vermont that have been invited to participate,” Hastings said.

Leaders from the two congregations are reacting on how to evaluate what their churches are currently able to provide in the way of space and philosophy.

“We have been learning how you calculate the value of your church community to add to the community at large,” Hastings said.

With SISP guidance, St. Stephen’s recently calculated at $250,000 the combined financial value of nine specific services and amenities the church provided last year to the community. Those programs included community meals, community gardens, community arts, community centers, the Peasant Market and international support.

Eighty percent of the recipients of that support are members of the church, according to information in a recent St. Stephen’s newsletter.

St. Paul’s, among other things, is a community garden. Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and the local Golf Club.

Church leaders stress that they are not looking municipality to brag or try to influence anyone to use their space in a specific way. It is merely a way of coming up with a benchmark that the congregations will be able to grow through greater efficiency and outreach efforts.

“We are asking ourselves, 'What do we have to offer to the community at this time and in the next decade?’” Hastings said.

“The whole idea is to see the mo...