

## by Doug McClure

"We don't know the numbers," she said, "It's a real question of whether it's \$6,000 or \$60,000 [for removal of the house and remediation of the site]."

The land on which the house

Attempts to contact Winston Jennison by the Gazette were unsuccessful.



*A dusting of snow Oct. 24 covered these marigolds on Spring Street in Hardwick. With the thermometer reading .36 degrees, they were not covered for long.*

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Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union (OSSU) Superintendent Joanne LeBlanc said "At this point,

Right now, the OSSU has nine different school boards. Of those the Board of Education has made recommendations about Craftsburg, Greensboro, Hardwick Town (Hardwick Elementary), Lakeview Union, Stannard Town, Wokott, and Woodbury Town. Craftsburg and Wokott are so far slated to remain as-is, with the other five school boards being merged into one PreK-6 board. Hazen Union is also unchanged.

LeBlanc stressed "Just to be clear, this is still a provisional recommendation, but we don't expect it to change."

The recommendations will not be final until the board's final report, and the board has until November 30 to issue the report.

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## by June Pichel Cook

Monday's meeting of the State Board of Education (SBE) at Mill River Union High School in North Clarendon provided the "much-hoped-for answer" that would allow Craftsbury to remain a PK-12 system within the Orleans Southwest Supervisory

remain the same as they are for a year, but may be revisited in the future. Secondly, the Lakeview Union Elementary School District, Greensboro School District, Stannard School District, Hardwick School District, and Woodbury School District will be merged into a PK-6 Modified Unified Union School District (MUUSD). According to the SBE website, the new MUUSD administrative structure must be operational "on or before July 1, 2019."

The State Board of Education's provisional votes will be finalized later in November in preparation for a final, statewide school district plan to be issued on or before November 30.

### Earlier October SBE meet

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Hardwick Town Manager Jon Jewett pointed out that Montpelier put \$466,700 into an offering for Caledonia Spirits and Hardwick can't match Montpelier for proximity to transport. He said the initial economic development loan of \$100,000 Hardwick gave to Caledonia Spirits has always been kept current and "they've been a great client to work with."

Conant said the company still has not solidified plans about its Hardwick facility.

Jewett said he also had no new information about the future.

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*courtesy illustration*

This confirms a site plan for the *Academia Municipal Libre de Nueva España*

*photo by Doug McClure*  
Cemetery has a unique epitaph. The  
chose the tombstone. Her side reads  
"the dirt one."

She said that may see if the adjacent church, St. John the Baptist, would be willing to allow the expansion to extend right up to the property line, perhaps in exchange for some cooperative effort. Everyone on the committee felt that the architects had done well with a fairly tight site and that little extra space would help.

Mandelville said blocking those windows would be "a big loss" and the architects assured the committee the goal was to make sure that the flat roof would be "beyond proof."

"We will really dig into that," said Nimtz. "Everyone says that flat roofs don't work in Vermont."

**See EXPANSION**

by Will Walton

Director Jon Groveman said at present there are 15 towns that have signed up to be parties to the suit, but the complaint will not be filed with the superior court until the statewide action plan is announced. He said that there may not be any benefit to a

He said he is against both a forced merger and re-assignment to a different supervisory union due to a lack of information which about supervisory union either Barre or Washington Central, would be the best match for Twinfield. Groveman said joining the lawsuit would not prevent the school district from continuing to work with a potential partner.

See LAWSUIT, 8

## by Will Walton

**MARSHFIELD** — The Twinfield school directors looked at the option of joining the lawsuit against forced mergers by the state Board of Education, but took no action as it was not warned for the Oct. 16 meeting. Chair Patrick Healy said he could schedule it for the next meeting so the board could vote on whether to join the suit or not.

**by Doug McClure**

**NORTH CLARENDON** - According to board chair Krista Huling, the Vermont Board of Education at its most recent meeting on October 29 rejected a Cabot-Danville merger and instead re-assigned both Cabot and Twinfield to Caledonia Central Supervisory Union (CCSU), spelling the end of Washington Northeast Supervisory Union and leaving CCSU with three PreK-12 schools in

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