

Andrews Chapel Restoration Committee
Minutes of meeting held on April 6, 2016

Members present: Deb Bogardus, Toni DiLisio, Marilyn Cassidy, David Gardiner, Dana Anderson, Howie Vatcher, Mary Cassidy
Others: Susan Munafo, Chairperson of Swampscott Historical Commission, Richard Smith(SHC), Bill Joyce (SHC), Justina Oliver,(SHC), Jer Jurma, Chairperson of Historic District Commission, Gino Cresta, (DPW)

Deb welcomed the members of the Swampscott Historical Commission. This was followed by introductions of all present. The Handicapped Accessible Ramp was discussed. Gino has received three estimates from \$21,000 to \$25,000 but is waiting for one with the hand rail included in the cost. He asked if he could have the green light to go ahead with his choice. The Committee agreed but Richard Smith said that it would have to go before the Historic District Commission. Jer Jurma, chair of that commission, was present and suggested that Gino get in touch with Pete Kane and work toward a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Building Inspector. Jer also mentioned that this may have to be reported to the abutters 300 ft. from the property line which would be occupants of Essex St.

Dana mentioned that he has to send a document to the Mass Historical Commission regarding the grant that we have received from Essex Heritage Partnership to repair the outside steps and buttress caps. The grant will be given on April 14th in Newburyport and the AC Committee is welcome to attend.

Deb then reported on the History and Background of the Andrews Chapel Restoration Project. *Please see Attachment #2 in this e-mail.

A discussion followed about the flooring at the Chapel. Richard and Susan expressed a concern about the color of the new flooring that borders the original floor. Deb explained that it was necessary to install new floor boards due to the deterioration of the existing edges of the floor. Richard suggested that a darker stain be applied so that the color would match. Deb said that Bergeron quoted a price of \$4,800 to re-do the floors. Toni said that this would be a poor use of donor money or town funds. Howie said that the pews would be installed close to the walls and the new flooring would not be visible. Richard will see if he can find someone who specializes in decorative flooring to see what could be done.. Jer Jurma asked if this was something that could be postponed for future renovation.

The AC Committee agreed that this work would hold up their suggested end-of-project and proposed Open House slated for June.

Gino said that he had spoken with Fire Chief Breen and the red light in the tower will be removed on Saturday, April 9th. This is because the conduit which is connected directly to a fire alarm system is now working.

Deb said that the louvers in the tower should be painted the original green to match the trim of the windows and the doors but Richard would like to see a scraping analysis done to determine the true original color.

Dave brought up the issue of a rest room for the Chapel. It has been determined that a HA rest room is not possible due to limited space. Dana will pursue a variance regarding this matter. Other ideas were suggested for rest rooms or porta-potties. The matter will continue to be discussed at a future meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Cassidy, secretary