

Andrews Chapel Restoration Committee
Minutes of meeting held May 10, 2016

Members present: Deb Bogardus, Marilyn Cassidy, Toni DiLisio, Howie Vatcher, Dave Gardiner, Mary Cassidy

The meeting was called to resolve the dissenting opinions regarding the finished flooring at the Chapel. Several of the members were not pleased with the border that surrounds the main floor. Deb presented the topic to be discussed, reminding the members that the border was constructed because of the rotting floor boards. She also said that the main floor was beech not maple as we originally thought. Each member spoke to the issue and presented his or her opinion. Dave said that Dana had spoken to Saulnier Flooring Company and that they would try to match the border with the main floor color without re-doing the entire floor. The price for this work was within our budget. After the discussion, it was decided that Dana would arrange for Saulnier to send someone to the Chapel to try to match a small patch of the border with the main floor. If the committee approved of the match, then the border would be color-corrected. Several members of the committee plan to be there and then a final decision will be made.

It was announced that we had received approval from the Historic District Committee for the Handicapped Accessible Ramp. Gino attended the HDC meeting and issued letters to the abutters on Essex Street. The work on the ramp is to start this month.

The Committee decided to open the Chapel to the public on Memorial Day as we have in the past. The Swampscott Reporter will be notified of this on the Wednesday of the week before Memorial Day.

Dave and Deb presented the Power-point report that will be given at Town Meeting on May 16th. It was very well received by the Committee and several of the members plan to attend Town Meeting to support Deb who will be presenting it.

The Committee took a look at the picture of Isaac Andrews which was originally in the Chapel. The photograph and the frame are in need of repair. Mary suggested that Deb take it to Arnould Gallery in Marblehead. Marilyn suggested the Peabody Essex may have suggestions for repair.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Cassidy, secretary

