



## Perambulation 2013. . .



After a one-year hiatus the Marblehead Conservancy once again conducted a perambulation of the many public pathways that are scattered throughout the Downtown and Neck sections of Marblehead. This year's event took place on Saturday, May 18 at 10:00 AM from Abbot Hall and ended around noontime, drawing an attendance of 26 walkers. Bette Hunt, popular spokesperson for Marblehead's past, led the walk around the historic Downtown area. Others joined Dennis Curtin, the well-known local photographer and naturalist, on a tour around the Neck. As always, the event was free and open to everybody.

The perambulation is done semi-annually with the intent of keeping the public aware of these old and somewhat obscure public

passageways that thread their ways around residential properties.

## What's Up at Lead Mills?



With the town of Marblehead now responsible for routine maintenance of the Lead Mills Conservation Area, work has begun to remove much of the vegetation-laced fencing that once protected an area now remediated. One length of fencing will remain for the time being - that along the harbor side of the old railroad bed.

Permanent signs are in preparation to give future visitors information about the site: its history of use and recovery as well as its relationship to other nearby conservation areas.

Studies are also underway to consider alternatives for access to the property and its use. More on this later this year.

## Open Space and Recreation Plan Accepted and Released!

Marblehead's Open Space and Recreation Plan has been updated, accepted by the State, and most recently released for publication on the Town web site. This plan was critical to obtaining State financial support for the purchase of the Lead Mills property, but it is much more. Based on results of surveying residents, user organizations and responsible Town departments and Commissions, the report gives Marblehead's current goals and objectives on open space and recreation. With a text somewhat hefty in background information, some readers may want to skip right to the goals and objectives section listed in the index, but we do recommend full reading. To access the document, cut and paste the address <http://marblehead.org/documentcenter/view/7180>

into your computer's browser. Alternatively, you might visit the Conservancy's web ([www.marbleheadconservancy.org](http://www.marbleheadconservancy.org)) site and connect to the plan through a link listed at the bottom left of the home page.

### Moving the Shed. . .



With permission from Marblehead's Conservation Commission, the Trails Committee uses a small portion of the Robinson Farm Conservation area for a tree farm and for storage of tools for trails maintenance. While the tree farm fits well into any view of the surrounding green area, the shed, unfortunately, has looked out of place since it was first sited some three years ago. Recently we took action to move it to a less obtrusive location. With the help of a moving company and their remarkable equipment, the shed is now nestled inside what remains of a barn foundation constructed in the nineteenth century. We thank neighbors and other users of this beautiful conservation area for their patience in waiting for the move.

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