

Oyster River Watershed Association

RIVERWALK!

February 28, 2015, 9 a.m. to noon

It has been a while since the last Riverwalk (over a year), but we're hoping to get the series restarted. This is when a portion of the Oyster River or a tributary is walked to find out more about the land use, vegetation, water quality and flow in that portion of the watershed.

In this instance, we'll be walking upstream along the Oyster River from the bridge in Lee on Route 155 (Turtle Pond Road) north of Five Corners in Lee. (Due to limited parking at the bridge site, we will meet at Tibbetts Field parking lot just north of bridge and be transported to the bridge.) Along the way, we'll be passing by the site of the old "Dishwater Mill"; perhaps we'll be able to find some of the rock work at the site. Then we'll proceed upstream past the "Bent Nail Bridge" (built and used by local snowmobilers) to the confluence with Dube Brook, which flows from the north in Madbury.

Proceeding up Dube Brook, we'll encounter a large beaver impoundment on the Goss family land. Chuck Goss will accompany the group to describe his efforts to protect a large portion of this land to add to the protected land already in place in this important watershed corridor. The plan is to end the walk at Cherry Lane in Madbury, where transportation will be available for a ride back to the **starting point at Tibbetts Field parking lot (south of Moharimet School on Route 155).**

Depending on timing and interest, there may also be a short walk downstream to the crossing of old Beech Hill Road, where beaver activity has dammed the river from time to time.

Unless there is a dramatic change in weather, this event is shaping up to be a snowshoe or ski travel experience, so come prepared to handle the weather and conditions for the day. Updates on the event can be obtained by calling or e-mailing Dick Weyrick, 868-2862, [dweyrick@comcast.net](mailto:dweyrick@comcast.net).