

**Town Council Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting
November 7, 2010**

Councilors Present: Fred Chase, Cathy Breen, Teresa Pierce, Will Armitage, Bonnie Rodden.

Public Present: Daniel Hildreth, Sally Stockwell, Ellen Klain, Erwin Gratz, Eli Gratz-Rodden; Hannah Armitage

The Council met at 1:00 p.m. to tour two forests that have been actively managed for wood harvesting. The primary purpose was to view and evaluate the impact last winter's harvesting has had on the Hadlock Community Forest. The tour was led by Bob Shafto, Open Space ombudsman.

The trip started with a visit to the Lowell property off Mast Road, to see what a harvested area looks like 10 years after the cutting. The group then traveled to Hadlock Community Forest and observed the cutting done there last winter.

At the start of the trip, Councilor Rodden made a motion, seconded by Councilor Armitage, to allow public comments during the meeting. That motion was adopted unanimously.

The meeting provided an opportunity for a wide range of discussions concerning forestry and forest management, the role of forestry in the town's management of its open space initiative, and the biology/ecology of each property.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Shafto
Open Space Ombudsman