

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Continued DELIBERATIONS: February 10, 2011
Town Hall, 41 South Main Street - 7:00 p.m.

Board members present: A. Gardiner (Chair), R. Lappin, S. Marion, H. Waugh, Jr.

Zoning Board Chair, Gardiner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Hanover Municipal Building.

(Further explanation and support for the following actions are contained in the Board's approved, written decisions found in the respective case files.)

CASE Nos. Z2011-01, Z2011-02, Z2011-03, Z2011-04
(Dartmouth College Audible Emergency Warning System)

Gardiner prepared the preliminary draft; Marion prepared the revised draft.

It was moved by Gardiner, seconded by Marion,

That **NO ACTION** is required for the applications for Special Exception under Section 322 submitted in cases Nos. Z2011-01 and Z2011-03 because we find that the proposed audible warning system is not a Communication/Telecommunications Facility as defined under Section 322.

That **NO ACTION** is required for the applications for Variance under Section 323 submitted in cases Nos. Z2011-02 and Z2011-04, to the extent necessary to permit initial and reasonable periodic testing of the proposed audible warning system to assure initial and continuing operability in the event of an emergency, so long as the testing occurs in accordance with the procedures proposed by the applicant in this case. We find that the emergency use exemption provided by Section 323.3 logically implies that the testing of this type of emergency equipment upon initial installation, and at reasonable intervals thereafter if required to assure continuing operability in the event of an emergency, is also exempt from the noise standards imposed by Section 323.

To **DENY** the applications for Variance under Section 323 submitted in cases Nos. Z2011-02 and Z2011-04 in order to test the audible warning system once each semester (quarterly) in order to acquaint new students and staff with the system.

As noted under paragraph 11., we expect that periodic testing of the proposed audible warning system to assure continuing operability in the event of an emergency would reasonably need to be conducted at intervals of not less than twelve months. We further expect that Dartmouth will adhere to the notification plan proposed in their December 20, 2010 letter to the Hanover Zoning Administrator and also to any additional notification requirements that may be required in the interest of public safety by the Hanover Chief of Police.

Voted in favor: 4

Voted in opposition: 0

Other Business:

There was no other business before the Board

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ JLSB

Judith Lee Shelnutt Brotman

Zoning Administrator