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**INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION**

**To:** Planning Board **Date:** October 24, 2013  
**From:** Kristen Domurad-Guichard, Assistant Town Planner *KDG*  
**Subject:** Allen Medical - 100 Discovery Way

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Location: 100 Discovery Way  
Applicant: Mike Nordling  
Owner: 100 Discovery Way LLC  
Sign Type: Wall Sign  
Bylaw Sections: 7.13.1.2 (a), 7.13.1.2 (b), 7.13.1.3 and 7.13.1.9  
Map & Parcel: G3-71  
Zoning: Office Park 2 (OP-2)  
Public Hearing: November 5, 2013  
Decision Deadline: February 3, 2014

**Background**

On behalf of the owner, 100 Discovery Way LLC, Mike Nordling applied for one exterior Wall Sign (hereinafter, the Sign) to be located at 100 Discovery Way, which reads "Allen A Hill-Rom Company".

**Comments**

Other Town departments/committees have also reviewed the application and appear to have no issues with the sign special permit application request. The applicant has received all department/committee comments, a copy of this memo, and the draft decision. Below are the Planning Department comments:

1. The proposed sign width is 11.6 feet. Bylaw Section 7.7.4.4 allows for businesses occupying a floor other than the first floor of the building to erect a wall sign at a higher elevation than permitted in Section 7.7.2, but limits the width of a wall sign to 8 feet in the Business, Industrial and Office Districts.
2. The proposed sign height is 4 feet. Bylaw Section 7.7.4.2 limits the height of a wall sign to 3 feet in the Business, Industrial and Office Districts.

Bylaw Section 7.13 provides the Planning Board with the authority to grant a special permit under the following sections of the Zoning Bylaw:

- Section 7.13.1.2 (a) allows for a sign not higher or wider than one and one half times the maximum height or width otherwise permitted. (In Business Districts, no higher than 4.5 feet and no wider than 12 feet.)

**Recommendation**

The Planning Board has the authority to grant special permits to address comments 1 and 2. In all other respects the proposed Wall Sign complies with the by-right requirements of the Bylaw. As a result, I have attached a draft decision for your review. Even with this special permit in hand, should the Planning Board grant it more or less as drafted, the applicant must still obtain a sign permit from the Zoning Enforcement Officer.