



Bike and Walkways Committee

Town of Truro

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Date: March 5, 2019
To: Truro Zoning Board of Appeals
From: Truro Bike and Walkways Committee
Re: Cloverleaf Truro Rental Housing Comprehensive Permit Application

The Truro Bike and Walkways Committee (hereafter “Committee”) met at a public meeting on January 14, 2020 to discuss the Comprehensive Permit application for the Cloverleaf Truro Rental Housing project proposed by Community Housing Resource, Inc. and offers these comments. These comments were unanimously approved by all members in attendance. The Committee hopes these comments are helpful to the ZBA and the applicant, and we thank the ZBA for its consideration.

The Committee is tasked with finding ways to provide safe areas for biking and walking that are available seasonally and year-round as they are an important means of local transportation, are popular activities in the town, and promote good health. To further these goals for the future residents of the Cloverleaf project, the Committee recommends the following:

1. A continuous network of sidewalks and marked crosswalks should be provided throughout the site to allow for safe passage of pedestrians. Sidewalks should be ADA compliant (especially for width) to the greatest extent possible.
2. Adequate parking/storage for bicycles should be provided to the residents.
3. Snow storage areas should be clearly delineated and provide sufficient capacity to prevent sidewalks from being blocked in the winter months.
4. Pedestrian and bike access should be provided along Highland Road.
 - a. The applicant should work with the Town and State to provide sidewalks to the nearby CCRTA bus stop and the businesses to the west of the site.
 - b. The applicant should discuss the possibility for the Town and State to provide bike lanes or “sharrows” along Highland Road to allow for safe bike access.
5. The Outer Cape Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan has identified the potential to provide for a divided bike and pedestrian path along Route 6. The applicant should discuss with public officials potential for bike and pedestrian access to a path, should it be built, using the proposed emergency egress drive at the rear of the site. This would allow access to the path without having to navigate Highland Road or the highway on-ramps.

Susan Roderick, Chair