

LIBERTY MARKET, LLC
MRN281804

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Liberty Market, LLC
126 South Main Street, Lanesborough, MA 01237

2. Type of license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation) and information regarding the application submission:

Retail

The application was reopened three (3) times for additional information.

3. The applicant is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment and/or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center license(s):

Applicant is not an applicant or licensee for any other license type.

4. List of all required individuals and their business roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Kenneth Crowley – Owner / Partner
Russell Stewart – Owner / Partner

5. List of all required entities and their roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

No other entity, other than the applicant, appear to have direct or indirect authority over the Marijuana Establishment.

6. Applicant's priority status and information pertaining to co-located operations:

General Applicant

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on June 25, 2018.



8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on July 10, 2018 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on July 3, 2019 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances and bylaws.
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:
 - a. Give hiring preferences to individuals from areas of disproportionate impact, specifically Pittsfield and North Adams; and
 - b. Provide financial, mentoring, and professional services for individuals and businesses facing systemic barriers or adversity in disproportionately impacted areas, specifically Pittsfield and North Adams;

SUITABILITY REVIEW

11. There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.
12. There were disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions. None of the disclosures raised suitability issues.

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS REVIEW

13. The applicant states that it can be operational within five (5) months of receiving its provisional license.
14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday – Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Sunday – 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
15. The applicant submitted all applicable and required summaries of plans, policies, and procedures for the operation of the proposed establishment. The summaries were determined to be substantially compliant with the Commission's regulations.
16. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:
 - a. Host career fairs and industry-specific training sessions at least two (2) times per year;
 - b. Conduct outreach to organizations that serve women, minorities, veterans, persons with disabilities and people of all gender identities and sexual orientations in its hiring initiatives; and



c. Utilize suppliers of goods and services that support diversity.

17. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

Not applicable.

18. Summary of products to be produced and/or sold (if applicable):

Not applicable.

19. Plan for obtaining marijuana or marijuana products (if applicable):

The applicant plans to obtain marijuana or marijuana products by contracting with other licensed establishments.

20. ISO 17025 Certifying Body and Certificate Number (if applicable):

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

1. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations;
2. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with applicable state laws and local codes, ordinances, and bylaws;
3. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff; and
4. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.

The applicant has demonstrated compliance with the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth and suitability for licensure. Therefore, the applicant is recommended for provisional licensure.

