

CAREGIVER-PATIENT CONNECTION MPN281301

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Caregiver-Patient Connection
d/b/a Local Roots
60 Tripp St, Framingham, MA 01701

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

Product Manufacturing

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):

Type	Status	Location
Cultivation, Tier 2/Indoor (5,000 – 10,000 sq. ft.)	Provisional License	Barre
Cultivation, Tier 3/Indoor (10,000 – 20,000 sq. ft.)	Provisional License	Framingham
Cultivation, Tier 2/ Outdoor (5,000 - 10,000 sq. ft.)	Commence Operations	Barre
Retail	Final License	Fitchburg
MTC	Provisional License	Barre/ Barre

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

Individual	Role
Catherine Trifilo	Manager / Owner
Dean Iandoli	Manager / Owner
Michael Staiti	Manager / Owner



Richard Olstein	Manager / Owner
Ronald L'Ecuyer	Director of Security
Anthony Brach	COO
Kelsey Brach	Director of Cultivation

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

Entity	Role
CPC Equity, LLC	Capital Resource

6. Applicant's priority status:

The applicant received, and was reviewed as, an MTC Priority Applicant as they submitted their application prior to the Commission's policy clarification on October 10, 2019. Under this policy, the applicant would now be considered a general applicant.

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on June 25, 2019.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on January 26, 2019 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on January 13, 2020 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	Provide first-priority employment opportunities to 20% residents from Fitchburg.

SUITABILITY REVIEW

11. 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.
12. There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS REVIEW

13. The applicant states that it can be operational within nine (9) months of receiving the provisional license(s).



14. The applicant’s proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday – Sunday: Closed

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:

#	Goal
1	Recruit at least 20% of local veterans by the end of the first year of operation for its hiring initiative.

17. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

Not applicable.

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

#	Product
1	Tinctures
2	Topicals
3	Body lotions
4	Oblong-shaped mint lozenges
5	Circular-shaped soft candies (Cherry, Watermelon, Pineapple and Grape)
6	Vaporizer cartridges
7	Wax and shatter
8.	Various oils

19. Plan for obtaining marijuana or marijuana products (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;

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4. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee;
5. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, with a detailed list of all proposed products to be produced with specific information as to types, forms, shapes, colors, and flavors;
6. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, with an updated timeline as to when its MTC license will become operational; and
7. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, with information pertaining its Positive Impact Plan and the number of people that they will employ in Barre from Fitchburg due to possible transportation obstacles.

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.

