

CNA STORES, INC.

MRN281744

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

CNA Stores, Inc.
558 River Street, Haverhill, MA 01830

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 two (2) 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 4/Indoor (20,001 to 30,000 sq. ft.)	Application Submitted	Amesbury
Product Manufacturing	Application Submitted	Amesbury
Retail	Application Submitted	Amesbury

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

Individual	Role
Robert DiFazio	Owner / Partner
Billie Haggard	Owner / Partner
Joy DiFazio	Capital Contributor

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

No other entity appears to have ownership or control over this proposed Marijuana Establishment.



6. Applicant's priority status:
Expedited Applicant (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise)
7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on December 18, 2018.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on February 6, 2019 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on January 16, 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	Recruit 25% of staff who are past or present residents of the City of Haverhill.
2	Donate \$5,000 to Veterans Northeast Outreach Center of Haverhill.

SUITABILITY REVIEW

11. There were no disclosures of past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions.
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 10 months of receiving the provisional license(s).
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. – 6:00 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:



#	Goal
1	Increase the number of individuals that are minorities, women, veterans, people with disabilities, and people identifying as LGBTQ in management and executive positions in the establishment and providing tools to ensure their success.
2	Ensure that 50% of its employees are women, veterans, people with disabilities, and people identifying as LGBTQ.

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):

CNA Stores, Inc. intends to obtain marijuana from its affiliated licenses. If the need arises, CNA Stores, Inc. will obtain marijuana or marijuana products by contracting with other licensed establishments.

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;
4. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee; and
5. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, more details relative to their Positive Impact Plan’s social media campaign by stating specific topics that will be highlighted and who the intended audience will be.

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.

