

CALVERDE NATURALS, LLC
MRN283208

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Calverde Naturals, LLC
219-237 Boston Post Road West, Marlborough, Massachusetts 01752

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 once (1) 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
Retail	Application Submitted	Belmont

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

Individual	Role
Kelly Tomasello	Owner/Partner
Stephen Tomasello	Owner/Partner

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 (Woman-Owned Business)



7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on July 15, 2020.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on August 25, 2020 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission sent the municipal notice to the City/Town of Marlborough on September 24, 2020. To date, the Commission has not received a response.
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	Give hiring preference (15%) to past or present residents of Fitchburg.
2	Reducing barriers to entry in the commercial adult-use cannabis industry through an annual, industry-specific educational seminar for residents of 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 one (1) year 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: 10:00 a.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:

#	Goal
1	Give hiring preference to women (5%), minorities (5%), veterans (5%), people with disabilities (5%) and people identifying as LGBTQ+ (5%).



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

Calverde Naturals, LLC 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; 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.

