

CAROLINE’S CANNABIS, LLC
MRN283694

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Caroline’s Cannabis, LLC
4 Charlesview Road, Hopedale, MA, 01747

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 twice (2) 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	Commence Operations	Uxbridge

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

Individual	Role
Caroline Frankel	Owner/Partner

The individual associated with this application and license listed above has been pre-certified for Delivery-Only under the name “Caroline’s Bud Delivery”.

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 (Social Equity Participant)



(Caroline Frankel-100% ownership-SE303599)

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on July 24, 2020.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on August 19, 2020 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on September 24, 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 a quarterly donation of \$2,000 to Entrepreneurship for All (“EforAll”) a non-profit organization that works in numerous towns in Massachusetts that are Commission-approved areas of disproportionate impact. Through its Direct Giving Donation Program, Caroline’s Cannabis plans on partnering with EforAll to provide targeted monetary donations and sponsorship to assist it with its mission to accelerate economic and social impact in communities through inclusive entrepreneurship.
2	Give hiring preference to Massachusetts residents with past drug convictions (40%).
3	Caroline’s Cannabis will mentor (1) Economic Empowerment Priority Applicant and (1) Social Equity Program Participant each year seeking entrance into the cannabis industry.

SUITABILITY REVIEW

11. There were no disclosures of any 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 four (4) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant’s proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday – Sunday: 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 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	Comprise a workforce of women (60%), minorities (30%), veterans (30%), people with disabilities (10%) and people identifying as LGBTQ+ (30%).
2	All employees (including owners, executives, and managers) will be required to participate in Diversity Awareness Training Sessions regarding embracing diversity, understanding cultural differences in the workplace. All new hires will be required to participate in this program within 90 days of hire.

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

Caroline’s Cannabis, 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.

