

STAFFORD GREEN, INC.
MCN281964

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Stafford Green, Inc.
80 Stafford Hill Rd, Cheshire, MA, 01225

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

Cultivation, Tier 5/Outdoor (30,001 - 40,000 sq. ft.)

The application was reopened one (1) time for additional information.

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

The 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:

Individual	Role
Francis D. Maguire	Owner / Partner
Francis G. Maguire	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 (License Type)



7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on January 22, 2019.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on January 23, 2019 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on April 28, 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 communities within Pittsfield, MA with quarterly training, educational and mentorship resources, with a goal of attracting 25% of attendees from areas of disproportionate impact.

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: 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 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	Employ at least 20% or more women and or veterans in retail and management positions.



2	Distribute internal workplace information sheets, bi-annually, aimed at encouraging current employees to recommend women and veterans for employment.
3	Participate in job and recruitment fairs- no less than annually when employees are needed- that specifically target women and veterans.
4	Offer supervisor shadowing opportunities to women and veteran employees.

17. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

The applicant submitted a cultivation plan that demonstrates the ability to comply with the Commission’s regulations.

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

Not applicable.

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;
4. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee; and
5. Final licensure is subject to the applicant revising its Diversity Plan goal to employ “20% or more women and/or veterans in retail and management positions” to be clearer and objectively reasonable, and to address the following questions:
 - a. What is meant by “retail” positions for a cultivation license?
 - b. What is the basis for the indication that annual advertisements in the Berkshire Eagle and Hampshire Gazette are a way to target women and veterans?

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.

