

202 TRADING COMPANY, INC.
MRN281735

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

202 Trading Company, Inc.
d/b/a Bud Barn
682 Spring Street, Winchendon, MA 01475

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):

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
John Daly	Director
Mary Nichols	Executive / Director
Marla LaGrassa	Executive / Director
Ryan Nichols	Director
Robert Barela	Director
Walter LaGrassa	Close Associate

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

Entity	Role
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CRJ Group, Inc.	Entity with Direct or Indirect Authority
Mezzanine InvestCo Mass, LLC	Entity with Direct or Indirect Authority

6. Applicant’s priority status:

General Applicant

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on November 25, 2019.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on November 25, 2019 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on May 26, 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 30% of its employees who are past or present residents of Fitchburg and Massachusetts residents who have past drug convictions or whose parents or spouses who have drug convictions.
2	Contract with 20% of suppliers, contractors and partner programs who are past or present residents of Fitchburg and Massachusetts residents who have past drug convictions or whose parents or spouses who have drug convictions.

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 – Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday – Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.



Sunday: 11:00 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	Recruit 50% women, 20-25% minorities, 5% veterans, 5% people with disabilities, 5-10% people who are LBGTQ+.
2	Contract with 20% of contractors, suppliers and wholesale partners who are owned by minorities, women, veterans, people who are LBGTQ+ and persons with disabilities.

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):

202 Trading Company, Inc. plans to 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 ensuring that all remaining required individuals be fingerprinted pursuant to previous Commission notifications.

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.

