

REPORT OF THE CANNABIS SUBCOMMITTEE  
BOROUGH OF METUCHEN  
May 22, 2023

At the February 13, 2023 Council meeting, Mayor Busch appointed the Cannabis Subcommittee. Mayor Busch appointed Council President Delia and Councilmember Kandel as the two Councilmembers, and appointed Linda Koskoski as the Mayor's Designee. The other members of the Committee according to Borough Code are the Borough Administrator, Melissa Perilstein, and the Chief of Police, Arthur Flaherty.

On March 2, 2023, a Request for Class 5 Cannabis Retailer Applications was published in the Home News Tribune and posted on the Borough website, stating that the Cannabis Retailer application would be available on the website beginning March 7, 2023 and that applications would be accepted up until 4:00 p.m. on April 6, 2023.

At the close of the application period on April 6, 2023, seven applications had been received by the Borough Clerk, Deborah Zupan. Applications were received from Central Dispensary, Dasco Solutions, El Verde, Kine Buds NE, Silver Therapeutics, Social Dispensary, and The May Queen NJ. Copies of all applications were distributed to the Cannabis Subcommittee members for review.

The Cannabis Subcommittee met in person on May 4, 2023 at Borough Hall. All members were in attendance, as were the Borough Clerk, Deborah Zupan, and the Borough Attorney, Denis Murphy. The Committee reviewed the requirements of the Request for Applications and Borough Code and discussed further review and procedures for the evaluation and scoring of the Applications received.

On May 11, 2023 the Cannabis Subcommittee met in person at Borough Hall to review, discuss, and score the applications based upon the criteria set forth. All members were in attendance, as was the Borough Attorney, Denis Murphy.

On May 16, 2023 the Cannabis Subcommittee met virtually to discuss the next steps in the application process. All members were in attendance, as were the Borough Clerk, Deborah Zupan, and the Borough Attorney, Denis Murphy. Based on the Committee's scoring and findings, it was determined that only one applicant, Dasco Solutions, scored high enough to receive a Letter of Endorsement from the Committee.

On May 18, 2023 the Borough Clerk, Deborah Zupan, sent all applicants letters via email to inform them of the Cannabis Subcommittee's decision.

On the advice of legal counsel, individual members and the Cannabis Subcommittee are not discussing the deliberative discussions and/or the individual scoring with applicants and/or the public. The scoring sheets of each of the proposed applicants are public records which may be obtained by the applicants and members of the public by way of a request pursuant to the Open Public Records Act.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Cannabis Subcommittee,



Deborah Zupan, RMC, Borough Clerk