

METRO HARVEST, INC.
MRN282743

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Metro Harvest, Inc.
1903 Fall River Avenue, Seekonk, MA 02771

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 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):

Type	Status	Location
Retail	Application Submitted	New Bedford
Retail	Application Submitted	Fairhaven

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

Individual	Role
Stephen LaBelle	Executive / Officer
Thomas Gosselin	Executive / Officer
Jill Stucchie	Executive / Officer

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:



General Applicant

- 7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on September 23, 2019.
- 8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on September 23, 2019 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on March 30, 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 individuals who are past or present residents of an area of disproportionate impact, specifically Fall River, New Bedford and Taunton; and Massachusetts residents who have past drug convictions. Metro Harvest will also advertise and host job fairs that clearly indicate interest in hiring Massachusetts residents with past 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 ten (10) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
- 14. The applicant’s proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday – Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Sunday: 12:00 p.m. – 10:00 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 individuals that identify as women (20%), minorities (20%), veterans (20%), people with disabilities (5%) and people who identify as LGBTQ+ (10%) for its hiring initiatives.

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):

Metro Harvest, Inc. 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;
4. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee;
5. Final licensure is subject to the applicant ensuring that all remaining required individuals be fingerprinted pursuant to previous Commission notifications;
6. Final licensure is subject to the applicant revising its Positive Impact Plan to include additional goal(s) other than its hiring initiatives; and
7. Final licensure is subject to the applicant revising its Diversity Plan goal to employ “20% of women” to be clearer and objectively reasonable.

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.

