

NATURE'S REMEDY OF MASSACHUSETTS, INC. MRN282118

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Nature's Remedy of Massachusetts, Inc. 406 Middlesex Road, Tyngsborough, MA 01879

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

Retail

3. Applicant is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment license(s):

Cultivation – Tier 4 (20,001 – 30,000 sq. ft) / Indoor (application submitted for Lakeville) Product Manufacturing (application submitted for Lakeville) Retail (application submitted for Millbury) Retail (application submitted for Rowley)

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

Robert Carr—Director Michael Scott—Director Stuart Bernstein—Close Associate Keenan Mahoney—Close Associate Brittany Casey—Close Associate Justin Lundberg—Close Associate Danny Wadhwani—Close Associate John Brady—Close Associate

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

Sammartino Investments, LLC—owns 100% of Nature's Remedy of Massachusetts and has provided capital resources.

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6. Applicant's priority status and information pertaining to co-located operations:

RMD Priority (RPA201923)

The RMD has a Provisional Certificate of Registration for dispensing, cultivation, and processing. The adult-use establishment will not be collocated with the RMD.

- 7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on November 7, 2018.
- 8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on November 1, 2018 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on February 26, 2019 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances and bylaws.
- 10. The applicant proposed the following programs for its Positive Impact Plan:
 - a. Institute hiring practices that prioritize the hiring of individuals from Taunton, New Bedford, and Fall River;
 - b. Conduct at least four (4) one-hour industry-specific educational seminars annually; and
 - c. Host annual fundraising drives to support local organizations such as Friendly House located in Worcester. The organization has been contacted and will accept the donations from Nature's Remedy of Massachusetts, Inc.

SUITABILITY REVIEW

- 11. There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.
- 12. There were disclosures of past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions.

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS REVIEW

- 13. The applicant states that it can be operational within six (6) months of receiving their provisional license.
- 14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday – Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Saturday – Sunday: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 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 programs for its Diversity Plan:
 - a. Host and/or attend career fairs in underrepresented and minority communities at least two (2) times per year;
 - b. Provide cultural training on cultural sensitivity and recognizing unconscious bias at least two (2) times per year; and
 - c. Utilize suppliers who are committed to diversity and inclusion.
- 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):

The applicant is a vertically integrated RMD that has applied for adult-use cultivation and product manufacturing licenses. The applicant plans to provide its own marijuana products.

20. ISO 17025 Certifying Body and Certificate Number (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 licensee providing Commission staff with a revised Positive Impact Plan that provides a listing of organizations it plans to partner with for its program related to restorative justice.

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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.

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