

**HIGH HOPES, LLC**  
MRN282161

**BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

High Hopes, LLC  
1 Menfi Way, Unit 9, Hopedale, MA 01747

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
Russell Bogartz	Executive / Officer
Jay Lum	Executive / Officer
Marion Miller	Executive / Officer
Richard Bogartz	Close Associate

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 May 11, 2020.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on April 22, 2020 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on August 25, 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	Interview, hire, and train a minimum of four individuals from Worcester.
2	Donate \$500 monthly to Dismas House, a local Worcester non-profit that provides transitional housing and services from a 35-acre farm and three residential facilities for people recently released from incarceration. Additionally, a monthly donation in the amount of \$250 will be provided to Wachusett Business Incubator.
3	Become a Legacy Donor at the \$100/Level per month to the Massachusetts Recreational Consumer Council to support the movement for economic and social justice within the Cannabis dispensary community.

### **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: 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
  - Saturday – Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 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 a at least four (4) of its employees from a diverse applicant pool and provide training and advancement opportunities to create and maintain a diverse workplace and to support the success of minority employees in all protected classifications, including, but not limited to, race, gender, veteran status, disability status and LGBTQ+.

17. Plan for obtaining marijuana or marijuana products (if applicable):

High Hopes, LLC 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. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, with an updated Positive Impact Plan that specifies the cohort the licensee is seeking to impact;
4. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, with an updated Positive Impact Plan that clarifies how a donation to MRCC will directly impact the specified cohort;
5. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff; and
6. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.

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.

