

METRO HARVEST, INC.
MRN283470

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Metro Harvest, Inc.
240 Bridge Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719

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 three (3) times 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	Provisional License	New Bedford
Retail	Provisional License	Seekonk

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 February 19, 2020.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on March 23, 2020 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission sent the municipal notice to the City/Town of Fairhaven on August 13, 2020. To date, the Commission has not received a response.
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	Give hiring preference to individuals from disproportionately impacted areas and Massachusetts residents who have past drug convictions. More specifically, Metro Harvest will hire employees from Fall River (5%), New Bedford (3%) and Taunton (2%).

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 three (3) 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	Give hiring preference to women (20%); minorities (20%); veterans (20%); persons with disabilities (5%); and people identifying as LGBTQ+ (10%).

17. 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. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, with an updated Positive Impact Plan that includes a goal(s) other than just hiring;
4. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff; and
5. 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.

