

**NOVA FARMS, LLC**  
MRN282516

**BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Nova Farms, LLC  
1137 Worcester Road, Framingham, MA 01701

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 twice (2) 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
Cultivation, Tier 2/Indoor (5,001 – 10,000 sq. ft.)	Provisional License	Attleboro
Cultivation, Tier 9/Outdoor (80,001– 90,000 sq. ft.)	Commence Operations	Sheffield
Product Manufacturing	Provisional License	Attleboro
Retail	Commence Operations	Attleboro

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

Individual	Role
Derek Ross	Board Member
John Kenyon	Owner / Partner
Brett Fish	Owner / Partner
Blair Fish	Owner / Partner
Zachary Allen	Owner / Partner
Robert Grillo	Owner / Partner



Duncan Harris	Owner / Partner
Stephen Harrington	Board Member
Marc Figueiredo	Manager
Manuel Tedeschi	Manager

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

Entity	Role
Future Farms Technologies, Inc.	Capital Contributor
Beach Farm InvestCo, LLC	Capital Contributor

6. Applicant's priority status:

General Applicant

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on August 28, 2019.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on April 18, 2019 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission sent the municipal notice to the City/Town of Framingham on June 12, 2020. To date, the Commission has not received a response.
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	Nova Farms will donate \$10,000 annually to Growthways, Inc.
2	Nova Farms will make its professional staff available for no less than an aggregate total of fifty (50) hours per year – based upon Nova Farm's licensing cycle- for educational seminars for eligible residents of communities of disproportionate impact.

### **SUITABILITY REVIEW**

11. There were disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions. None of the disclosures raised suitability issues.
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 five (5) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant’s proposed hours of operation are the following:  
  
Monday – 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	Nova Farms hiring goal for Females is 50%.
2	Nova Farms hiring goal for Minorities, Non-Binary, LGBT Individuals is 25%.
3	Nova Farms hiring goal for Veterans is 10%.
4	Nova Farms hiring goal for Special Needs and Physically Disabled Individual’s is 2%.
5	Nova Farms will increase management opportunities with diversity in mind by promoting and retaining our staff at the same percentages of our hiring goals.

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

Nova Farms intends on growing and manufacturing most of the products that will be sold at this retail location.

**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; and
4. 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.

