

SHINE DIAMOND LLC
MRN282868

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Shine Diamond LLC
d/b/a Diamond Shine LLC
85 State Road, Whately, MA 01373

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):

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
Karen Gaston	Owner / Partner

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:

Expedited Applicant (Woman-Owned Business)



7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on June 26, 2019.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on June 24, 2019 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on August 14, 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	Diamond Shine will hire 25% of staff from Holyoke, Springfield, Greenfield, West Springfield and Amherst.
2	Diamond Sine will make contributions to Just Roots and the Literacy Project in Greenfield, MA at a rate of 1% each organization on a yearly basis.

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 90 days of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant’s proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday – Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 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	Diamond Shine will hire 40% minorities, 10% veterans, 10% persons with disabilities and 10% LGBTQ community.



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

Diamond Shine will supply its retail operations with products cultivated and manufactured in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from an approval facility who is set to commence operations who holds a cultivation and/or manufacturing/producing license approved by the CCC.

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.

