

**THE BOTANIST, INC.**  
MRN282186

**BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

The Botanist, Inc.  
235 Hartford Turnpike, Shrewsbury, MA 01545

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):

Type	Status	Location
Retail	Application Submitted	Worcester
MTC	Provisional License	Leominster
MTC	Provisional License	Shrewsbury
MTC	Commence Operations	Worcester

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

Individual	Role
Kevin Murphy	Director
Christopher Tolford	Director
Jovan Bethell	Director
Robert Daino	Close Associate
Francis Matthews	Close Associate

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

Entity	Role
Acreage Holdings, Inc.	Sole Shareholder

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6. Applicant's priority status:

MTC Priority

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on July 12, 2018.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on December 6, 2018 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on January 3, 2020 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances and bylaws.
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	Provide mentoring, professional, and technical services for individuals and businesses facing systemic barriers.
2	Host two (2) industry-specific educational seminars annually.

### **SUITABILITY REVIEW**

11. There were disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions. These disclosures did not raise 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 three (3) months of receiving the provisional license.
14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:  
  
Monday – Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 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	Host four (4) career fairs in Worcester.
2	Provide annual cultural training on cultural sensitivity and recognizing unconscious bias.

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 intends to apply for additional marijuana establishment licenses, therefore, plans to obtain marijuana from its affiliated licenses. If the need arises, the applicant 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. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff;
4. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license; and
5. Final licensure is subject to the applicant, upon inspection, submitting to Commission staff an updated timeline as to when its MTC licenses will become operational.

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.

