

**BLACKSTONE VALLEY NATURALS, LLC**  
MBN281476

**BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Blackstone Valley Naturals, LLC  
660 Douglas Street, Unit 400, Uxbridge, MA 01569

2. Type of license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation):

Microbusiness:  
Tier 1 / Indoor Cultivation (up to 5,000 sq.ft.) and Product Manufacturing

3. Applicant is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment license(s):

The applicant is not an applicant or licensee for any other Marijuana Establishment license.

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

Timothy Phillips - Manager  
Kevin MacConnell - Manager  
Walter Knapik - Manager / General Counsel  
Brian MacConnell – Close Associate  
Jacquie Fauter-MacConnell – Close Associate  
Arleen Warhola – Close Associate  
Tiana Warhola – Close Associate  
Sean MacConnell – Close Associate

The applicant provided documentation demonstrating that a majority of the executives have been residents of Massachusetts for longer than 12 months.

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

Eaglestar Security, Inc. – Contracted to order and install the Marijuana Establishment’s security equipment.



6. Applicant's priority status and information pertaining to co-located operations:

General Applicant

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on June 25, 2018.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on June 21, 2018 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on May 6, 2019 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances and bylaws.
10. The applicant proposed the following programs for its Positive Impact Plan:
  - a. Provide a workshop environment where students (21 and up) can meet real life cannabis entrepreneurs and learn the fundamentals to starting a new business in the industry;
  - b. Encourage and assist students (21 and up) in coming up with their own cannabis business ideas and properly laying out a plan; and
  - c. Provide educational lessons in legally growing cannabis and manufacturing products.

**SUITABILITY REVIEW**

11. There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.
12. There were no disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions.

**MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS REVIEW**

13. The applicant states that it can be operational within four (4) months of receiving its provisional license.
14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday – Saturday: 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 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 programs for its Diversity Plan:



- a. Work with diversity-focused organizations to promote job openings through advertising employment opportunities in diverse publications or mediums, participating in job fairs, and establishing relationships with specific organizations that are diversity-focused.

17. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

The applicant submitted a detailed cultivation plan that demonstrated the ability to comply with the Commission's regulations.

18. Summary of products to be produced and/or sold (if applicable):

- a. Sap;
- b. Shatter;
- c. Sugar;
- d. Sauce; and
- e. Budder.

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

Not applicable.

20. ISO 17025 Certifying Body and Certificate Number (if applicable):

Not applicable.

**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 fee;
5. Final licensure is subject to the applicant submitting a revised Positive Impact Plan that addresses the following items: (1) the nature, process, and extent of advertising within a social services agency to ensure compliance with the Commission's regulations on advertising, (2) definitively identifying the social services agencies that it will be working with, and (3) identifying whether the events will be hosted by such agencies or elsewhere; and
6. Final licensure is subject to the applicant submitting a revised Diversity Plan that includes quantifiable and measurable goals.



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.

