

High Hawk Farm, LLC

MRN283968

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

High Hawk Farm, LLC
80 Main Street, Rutland, MA 01543

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
Cultivation, Tier 11/ Outdoor (90,000 – 100,000 sq. ft.)	Final License	Barre

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

Individual	Role
Christopher Higgins	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
Ronald Higgins	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
Joseph Higgins	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
Jennifer Nadeau	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor

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

Provisional License Executive Summary 1



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 9, 2021.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on April 12, 2021 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Rutland on September 3, 2021 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Provide \$2,500 to the United Way of North Central Massachusetts annually.
2	Provide one (1) industry-specific educational seminar annually to populations within the areas of disproportionate impact, specifically Spencer.

BACKGROUND CHECK 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 PROFILE REVIEW

13. The applicant states that it can be operational within seven (7) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Day(s)	Hours of Operation
Monday-Sunday	10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.



15. The applicant submitted all 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	Recruit 50% Women, 20% Veterans, 10% Persons with Disabilities, 20% LGBTQ+ and 15% Minorities for its hiring initiatives.

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

The applicant 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, local codes, ordinances or bylaws, and local licensing requirements.
3. Final licensure is subject to the applicant ensuring that all remaining required individuals be fingerprinted pursuant to previous Commission notifications.
4. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
5. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.
6. Final license is subject to the applicant separating and providing clearer details about community outreach and diversity training as part of its second Diversity Plan goal.
7. Final license is subject to the applicant ensuring that all persons having direct or indirect control over the license, and all newly hired employees involved in the handling or sale of marijuana or marijuana products, successfully complete the Basic Core Curriculum of the Responsible Vendor Training Program and subsequently provide a “certificate of completion” to the Commission for each individual within 90 days of hire to be in compliance with 935 CMR 500.105(2) or 935 CMR 501.105(2).

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.

