

BeWell Organic Medicine, Inc.

MRN284729

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

BeWell Organic Medicine, Inc.
17 Broad Street, Merrimac, MA 01860

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
Cultivation, Tier 2/Indoor (5,001 – 10,000 sq. ft.)	Provisionally Approved	Lowell
Product Manufacturing	Application Submitted	Lowell
MTC	Commence Operations	Lowell-Merrimac

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

Individual	Role
Anthony Banks	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Paul Hearn	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
George Zalucki	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Matthew Richman	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

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.

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6. Applicant's priority status:

General Applicant

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on August 8, 2022.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on June 30, 2022 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the City/Town of Merrimac on December 21, 2022 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	Give hiring preference to individuals who are past or present residents of the geographic "areas of disproportionate impact," including the following areas of the City of Lowell: 1) Downtown; 2) Lower Belvedere; 3) Back Central; 4) Lower Highlands and the designated areas of 5) Acre; and 6) Centralville which are representative of Census Tracts 3101, 3104, 3111, 3112, 3117, 3118, 3119, 3120, 3124; Commission-designated Economic Empowerment Priority applicants; Commission-designated Social Equity Program participants; Massachusetts residents who have past drug convictions; and Massachusetts residents with parents or spouses who have drug convictions
2	Contribute \$1,000 annually to the CultivatED Program.

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 two (2) 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	8:00 a.m. to 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 at least 50% women, 25% - 30% minorities, 10% veterans, 5% people with disabilities, and 15% individuals identifying as LGBTQ+ for its hiring initiatives.
2	Pursue partnerships with suppliers, contractors, and Marijuana Establishments that consist of 10% women, 5% minority, 5% veterans, 5% of individuals with disabilities, and 5% of individuals that identify as LGBTQ+.

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. 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. Prior to final licensure, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.140(6)(g) please include the phone number for the Massachusetts Substance Use Helpline on your consumer education.

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.

