

**COASTAL CULTIVARS, LLC**  
MRN282884

**BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Coastal Cultivars, LLC  
454 Main Street, Great Barrington, Massachusetts 01230

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 (90,001 – 100,000 sq. ft.)	Final License	Wareham
Product Manufacturing	Provisional License	Wareham

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

Individual	Role
Benjamin Smith	Owner/Partner
Jose Breton	Owner/Partner
Jarrad Glennon	Owner/Partner
Krishna Gandhi	Owner/Partner

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



<b>Entity</b>	<b>Role</b>
Samoel Ventures, LLC	Jarred Glennon – sole owner of entity.
Greenfin, LLC	Benjamin Smith – sole owner of entity.
Walnut 1 <sup>st</sup> Partners, LLC	Krishna Gandhi – sole owner of entity. Providing capital resources.

6. Applicant’s priority status:

Expedited Applicant (Minority-Owned Business)

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on December 7, 2020.

8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on September 17, 2020 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.

9. The Commission sent the municipal notice to the City/Town of Great Barrington on January 14, 2021. To date, the Commission has not received a response.

10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

<b>#</b>	<b>Goal</b>
1	Give hiring preference (25%) to individuals from Pittsfield, individuals with past drug convictions and/or parents or spouses with drug convictions.
2	Source 25% of its vendors, contractors, builders and ancillary services from Pittsfield or West Springfield.

**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 three (3) months of receiving the provisional license(s).

14. The applicant’s proposed hours of operation are the following:



Monday – Sunday: 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 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	Give hiring preference (35%) to minorities, women, veterans, people with disabilities and people identifying as LGBTQ+.

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

Coastal Cultivars, LLC 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. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, an update that provides confirmation that the applicant’s training and recruitment partners are eligible to support its activities.
4. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection an amended Prevention of Diversion Policy and Procedure to include that any discovery of diversion shall be considered a reportable incident under 500.110(9) and the Commission shall be notified immediately and, in no instance, more than 24 hours following discovery of the incident.
5. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
6. 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.

