

MA Craft Cultivation, LLC

MCN283549

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

MA Craft Cultivation, LLC
108 West Leyden Road, Colrain, MA 01340

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

Cultivation, Tier 6/Outdoor (40,001 – 50,000 sq. ft.)

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):

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

Please note that individuals and/or entities associated with the proposed application(s) are also associated with other adult-use retail licenses under the name of New England Craft Cultivators, LLC.

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

Individual	Role
Matthew Allen	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Ture Turnbull	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Wesley Ritchie	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control

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

Entity	Role
New England Craft Cultivators, LLC	Entity Having Direct/Indirect Control



6. Applicant's priority status:
Expedited Applicant (License Type)
7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on July 27, 2021.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on January 26, 2021 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission sent a municipal notice with a copy of the application to the City/Town of Colrain on December 23, 2021. The Commission did not receive a response within 60 days pursuant to 935 CMR 500.102(1)(d).
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People:

#	Goal
1	Recruit 20% from areas of disproportionate impact, specifically Greenfield and Northampton, 10% Social Equity Applicants, 5% Massachusetts residents who have past drug convictions; and Massachusetts residents with parents or spouses who have drug convictions for its hiring initiatives.
2	Model corporate responsibility by charging our senior staff with overseeing and reporting on the outcomes of its cumulative efforts to have a positive impact in areas residents who themselves or their parents have past drug convictions.

BACKGROUND CHECK REVIEW

11. There were disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions. None of the disclosures raised suitability issues.
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 a year of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Day(s)	Hours of Operation
Monday-Sunday	8:30 a.m. to 5:30 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	Provide advancement opportunities to create and maintain a diverse workplace and to support the success of minority employees in all protected classifications, including, but not limited to race, gender, veteran status, disability status, sexual orientation and gender identity and expression.
2	Recruit 40% women, 30% minorities, 10% veterans and people with disabilities, 10% LGBTQ for its hiring initiatives.

17. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

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

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 performing job functions, all provisional licensees shall ensure that all current Marijuana Establishment, Medical Treatment Center, and Independent Testing Laboratory Agents involved in the handling or sale of Marijuana for adult and medical use shall have attended and successfully completed the Basic Core Curriculum of the Responsible Vendor Training Program to be designated a "Responsible Vendor" and provide a "certificate of completion" to the Commission upon request. In addition, all newly hired employees involved in the handling or sale of marijuana or marijuana products must also successfully complete the Basic Core Curriculum of the Responsible Vendor Training Program within 90 days of hire, 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.

