

NEW ENGLAND CRAFT CULTIVATORS, LLC
MRN283367

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

New England Craft Cultivators, LLC
112-114 Main Street, Unit #1, Pepperell, MA 01463

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
Retail	Application Submitted	Dracut

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

Individual	Role
Wesley Ritchie	Owner / Partner
Ture Turnbull	Owner / Partner

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.

6. Applicant's priority status:

Expedited Applicant (Minority-Owned Business)



7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on March 9, 2019.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on February 12, 2020 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on June 30, 2020 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	Task its senior leadership team with no less than 50% of their job responsibilities to be committed to keeping community outreach and positive impact at the forefront of its corporate mission in order to model corporate responsibility.
2	Create jobs and recruit at least 20% of its workforce from areas of disproportionate impact, specifically Lowell.
3	Have at least 90% of its employees volunteer 10 hours per year to The Center for Hope and Healing.

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 – Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Sunday: 10:00 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 goals for its Diversity Plan:



#	Goal
1	Attract a diverse applicant pool with a minimum of 50% of applicants that are comprised of minorities, women, veterans, people with disabilities and LGBTQ+ community.
2	Provide internal promotional and advancement opportunities to individuals who are minorities, women, veterans, people with disabilities and LGBTQ+ community.
3	Recruit 20% LGBTQ, 20% women and 15% individuals who are minorities, veterans and people with disabilities for its hiring initiatives.

17. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

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

New England Craft Cultivators, 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. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff; and
4. 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.

