

## New England Craft Cultivators, LLC

MRN284689

### APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

New England Craft Cultivators, LLC  
d/b/a Tree House Craft Cannabis  
1 Forge Village Road, Groton, MA 01450

2. Type of license sought and information regarding the application submission:

Retail

The application was reopened twice (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	Commence Operations	Pepperell
Retail	Commence Operations	Dracut

Please note that individuals and/or entities associated with the proposed license are also associated with another adult-use cultivation license under the name of MA Craft Cultivation, LLC.

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

Individual	Role
Wesley Ritchie	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
Ture Turnbull	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor

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 January 24, 2022.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on April 7, 2022, and August 30, 2022, and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the Town of Groton on May 15, 2023, 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	Recruit at least 20% of the workforce who are Massachusetts residents of Lowell, Pepperell, Groton, and Dracut and 25% of Massachusetts residents who have past drug convictions.
3	Employ a senior leadership team member who will dedicate 50% of their job responsibilities to examining positive impact outcomes.
4	Offer free advice and technical assistance to no fewer than five (5) businesses annually. Additionally, assist no fewer than two (2) entrepreneurs with application material annually.
5	Have at least 90% of its employee's volunteer for 10 hours each annually for The Center for Hope and Healing, Inc.

### **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 six (6) 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 11:00 p.m.

- 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.
- The applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

#	Goal
1	Recruit LGBTQ+ (20%), women (20%), minorities (10%), persons with disabilities (10%), and veterans (10%) for its hiring initiatives.
2	Provide at least 50% of internal promotions and advancements to employees who identify as members of the recognized diverse populations.

- Plan for obtaining marijuana or marijuana products:

The applicant will obtain marijuana or marijuana products by contracting with other licensed establishments.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

- Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations.
- Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with applicable state laws, local codes, ordinances or bylaws, and local licensing requirements.
- The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
- Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.
- Prior to final licensure, in accordance with 935 CMR 500.140 (6)(g) please include information for substance use disorder treatment programs and 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.

