

Northeast Select Harvest Corp. MRN282571

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Northeast Select Harvest Corp. 378-380 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02144

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):

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

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

Individual	Role
Robert Gregory	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Maria Caciola	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control
Christos Poutahidis	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.

6. Applicant's priority status:

General Applicant

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- 7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on December 5, 2019.
- 8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on March 15, 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 Somerville on October 15, 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	Implement an annual mentorship program whereby Northeast Select Harvest
	will mentor no fewer than one (1) individual that is a Massachusetts resident
	who has past drug convictions; Massachusetts residents with parents or
	spouses who have drug convictions; Economic Empowerment Priority
	applicants; and Commission-designated Social Equity Program participants.
2	Host at least one (1) industry-specific educational seminar year to support
	individuals who are Massachusetts residents who have past drug convictions;
	Massachusetts residents with parents or spouses who have drug convictions;
	Economic Empowerment Priority applicants; and Commission-designated
	Social Equity Program participants.
3	Give hiring preference to Massachusetts residents who have past drug
	convictions with the goal that at least 5% of staff is comprised of
	Massachusetts residents who have past drug convictions.

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
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- 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	Employ at least 20% women, 20% minorities, 5% veterans, 5% people with	
	disabilities, and 5% people who identify as LGBTQ+ for its hiring initiatives.	
2	Implement quarterly internal trainings on diversity, equity, and inclusion for its	
	employees.	

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

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. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, an amended Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People that identify target communities for its programs.
- 4. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff.
- 5. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.
- 6. Prior to performing job functions, all provisional licensees shall ensure that all current Marijuana Establishment, Medical Marijuana 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.

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