

Pepperell Roots, LLC

MCN283254

APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Pepperell Roots, LLC
12 Lomar Park Drive, Pepperell, MA 01463

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

Cultivation, Tier 6/Indoor (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):

Type	Status	Location
Cultivation, Tier 1/Indoor (up to 5,000 sq. ft.)	Application Submitted	Pepperell
Product Manufacturing	Application Submitted	Pepperell

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

Individual	Role
Kristine Symonds	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
Donna Deschenes	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
David Miller	Person Having Direct/Indirect Control / Capital Contributor
Douglas Deschenes	Close Associate
Jason Scholle	Close Associate



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 (Woman-Owned)

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on June 8, 2020.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on June 5, 2020 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on July 2, 2021 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	Provide at least four (4) one-hour cannabis industry-specific educational seminars annually.
2	Organize at least one (1) community clean-up initiative per year in Lowell.

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 one (1) year of receiving the provisional license.
14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Day(s)	Hours of Operation
Monday-Friday	8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. to 2:00 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	Recruit 15% minorities, 55% women, 15% veterans, 5% people with disabilities, and 10% LGBTQ+ for its hiring initiatives.
2	Give priority to diverse businesses when contracting with vendors and contractors.

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. Final licensure is subject to the applicant ensuring that all remaining required individuals be fingerprinted pursuant to previous Commission notifications.
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. Final license is subject to the applicant providing clarification to CCC Licensing staff whether the Plan to Positively Impact Disproportionately Harmed People referenced educational sessions require an admittance fee and if educational sessions are related to recruiting potential employees.
7. Final License is subject to the applicant providing the Commission with a strategy for outreach to residents of the nearby Disproportionately Impacted designated community of Lowell for employment and provide updates to the Commission as appropriate.

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.

