

# VEDI NATURALS, LLC

## **BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Vedi Naturals, LLC 505 Boston Post Road West, Unit F & G, Marlborough, MA 01752

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 one (1) time 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 business roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Individual	Role
Jigar Patel	Executive / Officer
Kanchan Patel	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.

6. Applicant's priority status:

Expedited Applicant (Minority-Owned Business)

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- 7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on October 22, 2019.
- 8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on November 8, 2019 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on July 13, 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	Donate at least \$5,000 to the CultivatED program (Worcester) to support the	
	mission of empowering, educating, and employing individuals from areas of	
	disproportionate impact.	
2	Contribute 2 hours of employee volunteer time toward Community Clean-	
	Ups.	

#### **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 seven (7) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
- 14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday – Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 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

- Recruit a workforce that is made up of at least 50% women and 25% described as minorities, veterans, people with disabilities, and LGBTQ individuals.

  Ensure that 30% of the businesses in its supply chain and ancillary services are owned and/or managed by 10% of veterans, 10% of women, and 10% LGBTQ+.
- 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):

Vedi Naturals, 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;
- 4. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee; and
- 5. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, an updated Positive Impact Plan that clarifies how a donation to CultivatED will directly impact people disproportionately harmed in the City of Worcester.

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.

