

NATURE’S ALTERNATIVE, INC.
MRN283325

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Nature’s Alternative, Inc.
2393 Route 6, Wellfleet, MA 02667

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 once (1) 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
Patrick Casey	Director & Executive/Officer
Nicholas Salvadore	Director
Andrew Wilkes	Director
Jill Moniz	Director
Matthew Wilkes	Director

Individuals and entities associated with this application are associated with cultivation/product manufacturing/retail licenses under “Aspen Blue Cultures, Inc.” and a retail license under “Apotho Therapeutics Plainville, LLC”.

5. List of all required entities and their roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Entity	Role
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Aspen Blue, LLC	Investment and Holding Company
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6. Applicant’s priority status:

General Applicant

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on December 11, 2018.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on February 28, 2020 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission sent the municipal notice to the City/Town of Wellfleet on August 13, 2020. To date, the Commission has not received a response.
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	Give hiring preference to residents of Taunton (20%).
2	Provide a monetary donation to dNB, Inc. of Taunton on an annual basis.

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 six (6) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant’s proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday – Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 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	Give hiring preference to women (25%).
2	Increase career advancement opportunities for women employed by NA, Inc., with 30% of NA, Inc.'s management-level positions being held by women.

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

Nature's Alternative, Inc. 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.

