

TERPENE JOURNEY, LLC

MRN281612

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Terpene Journey, LLC
430 Paradise Road, Swampscott, MA 01907

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 twice (2) 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
Thomas Bogacz	Owner / Partner
Justin Eppley	Owner / Partner

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 (Social Equity Participant)
Justin Eppley (50% ownership) (SE303603)



7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on May 29, 2020.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on December 10, 2019 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on July 30, 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	Promote pathways to meaningful participation in the cannabis industry for Commission-designated Social Equity participants and/or Economic Empowerment Priority applicants by hiring at least 75% of qualified program participants who apply for open roles.
2	Partnership efforts will be considered successful by selling products from at least one (1) Commission-designated Economic Empowerment Priority and/or Social Equity business or formally reaching out to at least ten (10) Economic Empowerment or Social Equity businesses.
3	Achieving a participation rate of 25% of our employees participated in the one “clean up” initiative offered.

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 five (5) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant’s proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday – Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Sunday: 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 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	Hire 10% persons with disabilities, 30% persons who are minorities, veterans or LGBTQ+ and 40% women.
2	To create an inclusive work environment where diverse people thrive and at least 90% of our employee's report "high" or "very high" levels of satisfaction, inclusion, and opportunities for personal growth and development.
3	To increase the number of Veteran-led businesses in the ancillary parts of the adult use cannabis industry (e.g. security, architecture, accounting, banking, attorney) by partnering with at least one Veteran-led business.

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

Terpene Journey, LLC plans to source their product from Green Gold Group.

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.

