

**TURNING LEAF CENTERS NORTHAMPTON, LLC**  
MRN283040

**BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Turning Leaf Centers Northampton, LLC  
261 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060

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. However, an individual associated with this application is also associated with applications under “Turning Leaf Centers Otis, LLC”.

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

Individual	Role
Stephanie McNair	Owner / Partner
Mary Anne Gonzalez	Owner / Partner
Leonard Littman	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:



General Applicant

- 7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on October 31, 2019.
- 8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on October 5, 2019 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on July 8, 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	Engage an approved Cannabis Control Commission Social Equity Training Vendor within thirty (30) days of receiving a license to hold an annual employment outreach event in Springfield, West Springfield, Holyoke, and Pittsfield in a space that would hold no less than 40 individuals.
2	Commit to hiring a minimum of 10% of Commission-designated Social Equity Program participants, Massachusetts residents who have past drug convictions, Massachusetts residents with parents or spouses who have drug convictions, and/or past or present residents of geographic “areas of disproportionate impact” defined by the Cannabis Control Commission.

**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 twelve (12) 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: 10:00 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	Recruit 60% women, 50% minorities, 10% veterans, 10% persons with disabilities, and 5% individuals who identify as LGBTQ+ for its hiring initiatives.
2	Conduct four (4) industry-specific training workshops, annually.

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):

Turning Leaf Centers Northampton, 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; 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.

