

Application Number: PB21-02



TOWN WHERE A U.S. FLAG WAS FIRST RAISED
OVER A SCHOOL, MAY 1812.

TOWN OF COLRAIN

Planning Board
55 Main Road
Colrain, Massachusetts 01340
Telephone: (413) 624-3454
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Request for a Special Permit

Town Clerk
55 Main Road
Colrain, MA 01340

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws and the Zoning By-laws of the Town of Colrain, application is hereby made to the Planning Board for **permission to:**

Cultivate cannabis on approximately two acres of fenced in at 108 West Leyden Road under a license issued to

MA Craft Cultivation, LLC by the state Cannabis Control Commission.

Owner(s) of record: Dennis DePaolo

Address/Location: 108 West Leyden Road

Assessors' Map & Lot: Map 415 Lot 26.2 Deed Bk: _____ Pg: _____

Petitioner(s) Name & Signature(s)	Address; phone number & email contact
Dennis DePaolo 	108 West Leyden Road, Colrain, MA, 01340 ddepaolo1982@gmail.com
Matthew Allen MA Craft Cultivation LLC	12 Robeson Street, Jamaica Plain MA, 02130 matt@necraftcultivators.com

Received this date: 9/27/2021 Town Clerk Signature:

Transferred to Planning Board this date: 9/28/2021 Fee paid: \$250.- cash

All applications shall be accompanied by a check for \$250.00 payable to the "Town of Colrain" as well as a current Abutters List from the Assessors' Office [within 30 days of application].



Contact
Matt Allen
matt@necraftcultivators.com
508.410.1547

What is New England Craft Cultivators?

New England Craft Cultivators (NECC) is a cannabis business that is committed to partnering with locally owned small cultivators, small manufacturers, and microbusinesses to bring the highest quality, locally and sustainably grown, craft cannabis products to the market.

By featuring cannabis products made by small producers in our stores, we will be supporting family-run businesses while driving the development of a craft cannabis market in Massachusetts that will help smaller producers to thrive in the long term.

NECC has obtained two Provisional Licenses from the State Cannabis Control Commission and Host Community Agreements from the communities of Dracut and Pepperell where our retail stores will be opening in 2021. The company was established in Massachusetts in 2019 and is led by co-CEOs and founders Ture Turnbull and Wes Ritchie.

Who are we?

Ture Turnbull and **Wes Ritchie** have been friends for 14 years and both have over 15 years experience in politics and government at the municipal and state levels. Both have led statewide advocacy organizations focusing on social justice issues. NECC is majority LGBTQ owned.



Matt Allen, Director of Cultivation, recently joined NECC and brings to the company a deep background in cannabis policy. Matt founded the organization that led the 2012 Massachusetts medical cannabis ballot initiative campaign, consulted with numerous municipalities on appropriate zoning and local regulation for cannabis establishments, and sat on the state's Cannabis Advisory Board and Operating Under the Influence Commission.



Why Colrain?

The opportunity to partner with Twisted Family Farms reflects our mission to support local producers seeking a path to market. We're excited about growing cannabis in a community with a long tradition of family farming. **Dennis DePaolo's** extensive experience in cannabis cultivation and business development will be an asset to NECC as we seek to expand operations in Massachusetts.

What are the benefits to Colrain?

By bringing a successful cannabis harvest to market in summer 2021, we will showcase the quality of cannabis that can be grown in the region. We believe that our example will demonstrate to other local farmers that cannabis can be grown as a supplemental cash crop, and to other retailers that there is demand for sustainably produced cannabis among consumers in the state.

We'll also be creating local jobs when we hire people to assist with planting, harvest, and processing.

January 15, 2021

New England Craft Cultivators
12 Robeson Street
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

Colrain Planning Board
Town of Colrain
55 Main Road
Colrain, MA 01340

Dear members of the Colrain Planning Board:

I am contacting you today to invite you to a community outreach meeting hosted by New England Craft Cultivators, a cannabis company seeking to partner with your neighbor Dennis DePaolo to cultivate cannabis on his farm at 108 West Leyden Road. The meeting is an opportunity to meet me and my partners and to ask any questions or bring up any concerns that you may have.

I am excited partner with Dennis and this community, with its long tradition of family farming, to bring sustainably grown craft cannabis to the Massachusetts market.

Please find more information about me and my partners on the handout included in this mailing. If you have any questions or concerns that you would like addressed at the meeting, or if you would like to speak to me beforehand, I can be reached at matt@necraftcultivators.com or at (508) 410-1547. You can also contact me if it you would like me to email you this information.

Virtual Community Outreach Meeting
Tuesday, January 26
5:00 PM

Regarding proposal by New England Craft Cultivators LLC to operate a cannabis cultivation and product manufacturing facility at 108 West Leyden Road in Colrain.

There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions during the virtual meeting, though questions can also be submitted in advance via email to Matt Allen at matt@necraftcultivators.com.

The meeting can be joined by video or by phone using the following information:

To join by phone, call 1-321-209-6910 and enter Conference ID: 436 230 476#

To join by video, visit bit.ly/3nztLX7.

I look forward to meeting you soon!

Sincerely,



Matt Allen
New England Craft Cultivators