

ART

# Auction for Banksy work could reach \$6 million

Blink-182 member to donate some of sale proceeds to fires victims

By **JILL LAWLESS**  
Associated Press

LONDON — A painting by street artist Banksy with an environmental message and an estimate of up to 5 million pounds (\$6.3 million) is going up for auction, with some of the proceeds helping victims of the Los Angeles wildfires. Sotheby’s auction house said Tuesday that “Crude Oil (Vettriano)” is being sold in London next month from the collection of Mark Hoppus, bassist with California skate-punk band Blink-182, who sees Banksy as a kindred spirit.

Hoppus said he was drawn to the subversion, humor and intelligence of Banksy’s work and the similarities between “skateboarding, punk rock and art.”

“I feel like street art and punk rock have the same core,” Hoppus said. “The left-out and overlooked making their own reality. ... Just go make art. It’s the same spirit. And I’ve loved art and especially street art ever since realizing that.”

“Crude Oil (Vettriano)” is part of a 2005 series of works in which Banksy put a satirical spin on famous paintings — withering Vincent van Gogh’s “Sunflowers” and smashing the diner window in Edward Hopper’s “Nighthawks.” The artist said his aim was to show that “the real damage done to our environment is not done by graffiti writers and drunken teenagers, but by big business.”

The work going under the hammer is based on “The Singing Butler,” a painting by Scottish artist Jack Vettriano showing a couple in evening dress dancing on a beach as



SOTHEYB’S PHOTO VIA AP/MAX MONTGOMERY  
**Mark Hoppus of Blink-182 poses by his painting Crude Oil (Vettriano) by Banksy (2005), which is being sold by Sotheby’s on March 4 with some of the proceeds going to victims of the Los Angeles wildfires.**

servants proffer sheltering umbrellas. Banksy has added a sinking oil liner and two figures lugging a barrel of toxic waste.

“We loved this painting since the moment we saw it,” said Hoppus, who bought the artwork with his wife, Skye Everly, in 2011. He said the painting — “unmistakably Banksy, but different” — has hung in the family’s homes in London and Los Angeles.

Hoppus said he would use the proceeds of the sale to buy work by upcoming artists. Some will go to the California Fire Foundation, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles and Cedars Sinai Hematology Oncology Research.

Banksy, who has never confirmed his full identity, began his career spray-painting buildings in Bristol, England,

and has become one of the world’s best-known artists. His mischievous and often satirical images include two male police officers kissing, armed riot police with yellow smiley faces and a chimpanzee with a sign bearing the words, “Laugh now, but one day I’ll be in charge.”

Several of his works have sold for multiple millions at auction. The record is almost 18.6 million pounds (\$25.4 million at the time) paid at Sotheby’s in October 2021 for “Love is in the Bin” — an image of a girl with a balloon that partially self-destructed during an auction three years earlier thanks to a shredder hidden in the frame.

“Crude Oil (Vettriano)” is on display at Sotheby’s in New York until Thursday and in London Feb. 26-March 4.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### Legals

#### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Town of Rowe Planning Board

Pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 5, notice is hereby given that the Rowe Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on March 6th at 6:00PM at the Rowe Elementary School Project Room to accept public comments on proposed changes to the Town of Rowe Zoning By-laws, Article VII Section 2(B), Section 5, Section 6, Section 8, Section 9, and Section 22(B). Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Board at Town Hall or by emailing the Planning Board at [planningboard@rowe-ma.gov](mailto:planningboard@rowe-ma.gov). A full copy of the proposed changes may be found on the Planning Board website page: <https://rowe-ma.gov/g/55/Planning-Board>. Copies will also be available at Town Hall or with the Town Clerk.

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### Legals

#### LEVERETT COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING

#### Wednesday, March 5, 2025 7:00 p.m. at Leverett Town Hall.

The Leverett Community Preservation Committee will hold a Public Hearing on the needs, possibilities, and resources of Leverett regarding community preservation. The committee will present the Draft 2026 Community Preservation Report and Plan. The CPC will also hear from proponents of applications for CPA funding this year. Any person interested in the matter should appear at the time and place designated. The 2026 Report and Plan as well as the applications for funding may be viewed on the Town website or at the Leverett Town Hall, 9 Montague Road, Leverett, MA 01054. Remote link available on town website.

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### Legals

#### Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Franklin Probate and Family Court 43 Hope Street Greenfield, MA 01301 (413) 774-7011 CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME Docket No. FR25C0016CA

In the matter of: **Memphis Rey Laflamme**  
A Petition to **Change Name of Minor** has been filed by **Memphis Rey Laflamme of Orange, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

#### Memphis Rey Meuse IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Franklin Probate and Family Court before **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/12/2025**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Kathleen A. Sandman, First Justice of this Court. Date: February 12, 2025 John F. Merrigan Register of Probate February 19

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### Do you have a Legal Notice to publish?

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Please note that with the exception of certain standard notices such as informal probate notices, name changes, conservator/guardian notices and citations on petitions of formal adjudication, all legal notices must be typed and sent to [legalads@recorder.com](mailto:legalads@recorder.com).

We do not have a typesetter and cannot accept hard copies of zoning hearings, ordinance, public meeting notices, requests for bids, etc. These must be sent in a Word doc or in the body of the email.

Please call **Suzanne** at **413-772-0261 x228** with any questions about placing legal notices in the Recorder.

### Legals

#### Request for Proposals

The Town of Deerfield, MA is seeking Proposals from qualified developers for the development of 2.1 acres of Town-owned land for approximately 30-60 units of rental housing for low- and moderate-income seniors. The Town intends to enter into a Land Development Agreement with the selected developer. Proposal instructions and project description may be obtained at: <https://frcog.org/project/bids/>. A mandatory site visit will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 10:00 AM at 83-85 North Main St. South Deerfield MA 01373. Questions must be submitted in writing to [LPhelps@frcog.org](mailto:LPhelps@frcog.org) by Thursday, March 27, 2025 by 2:00 PM. Deadline for submission of proposals is Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 2:00 PM. Proposals should be delivered to Franklin Regional Council of Governments, Attn Laura Phelps, 12 Olive St. Greenfield Ma 01301 and should be labeled "RFP 2024-2125 Deerfield Senior Housing Development". This solicitation is per MGL Ch30B. The Town of Deerfield, who is the awarding authority, reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal as they deem in the best interest of the Town.

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### Legals

#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CABLE

D.T.C. 19-1

February 7, 2025

Petition of Westfield Gas+Electric Light Department for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

#### NOTICE

On December 5, 2024, Westfield Gas + Electric Light Department ("Westfield Gas") petitioned the Department of Telecommunications and Cable ("Department") to amend the service area for which the Department designated Westfield Gas as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") (the "Petition"). The Department designated Westfield Gas as an ETC on February 19, 2019. Westfield Gas's Petition requests the addition of the city of West Springfield, Massachusetts, to Westfield Gas's service area.

The Department's consideration of the Petition is a formal adjudicatory proceeding conducted under G.L.c. 30A and 207 C.M.R. 100. Any person who wishes to file written comments may do so with Shonda D. Green, Director of Administration, at [dtc.efiling@mass.gov](mailto:dtc.efiling@mass.gov). Any person who wishes to request a hearing or to intervene in the proceeding in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, § 1 and § 10 may email Shonda D. Green at [dtc.efiling@mass.gov](mailto:dtc.efiling@mass.gov).

Comments or requests for a public hearing must be filed by 5:00 pm on March 21, 2025. At that time, if the Department has not received a request for a public hearing, any party having a right to request such a hearing shall be deemed to have waived such right pursuant to G.L.c. 30A, §10.

The text of each submission must specify: (1) the docket number, D.T.C. 19-1; (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document (e.g., comments, hearing request, or petition to intervene or participate). Each submission should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing.

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### Legals

#### PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Home Rule Charter, the Economic Development Committee and Planning Board will hold a joint public hearing on Thurs. Mar 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall Meeting Room, 2nd Fl. 14 Court Square, and via Zoom: <https://greenfield-ma-gov.zoom.us/j/9609813144?pwd=NrUVQmZMNzgw9lQmMpfxtMmUoOdcstO.1> Meeting ID 960 9813 144, to consider the proposed zoning amendments to the Accessory Dwelling Unit Ord. and Site Plan Review and Approval Ord. to meet the Affordable Homes Act; and to consider amendments to mixed residential/business uses, height requirements, and multi-family in the CC District. The proposed amendments can be viewed here: [https://efaidnbmnnnibpccajpcglclefindmkaj/https://cms5.revize.com/reviz/e/greenfield/Document\\_Center/Government/Planning%20Board/Proposed%20Zoning%20Amendments\\_Joint%20Public%20Hearing\\_03-06-25.pdf](https://efaidnbmnnnibpccajpcglclefindmkaj/https://cms5.revize.com/reviz/e/greenfield/Document_Center/Government/Planning%20Board/Proposed%20Zoning%20Amendments_Joint%20Public%20Hearing_03-06-25.pdf)

The City Council may consider the same on Wed. Apr 16, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at John Zon Community Center, 35 Pleasant St., and via Zoom: <https://greenfield-ma-gov.zoom.us/j/97670796866?pwd=pRPybIXWyexHWlPxnDuAbQlNhHxcB.1> Meeting ID 976 7079 6866.

Materials can be obtained from the City Clerk's Office, 14 Court Sq. by phone 413-772-1555, x. 6163 from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Mon. - Fri., or the Department of Planning and Development by phone at 413-772-1549 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Mon. - Fri.

Respectfully submitted,  
Derek Helie, Economic Development Committee Chairperson  
George Touloumtzis, Planning Board Chairperson

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### Legals

#### TOWN OF WHATELY Invitation for Bids Center School Feasibility Study LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT PER MGL CH 30b § 5

INVITATION FOR BIDS: The Town of Whately will accept bids for a Center School Feasibility Study per MGL Ch30b. This project is to develop a comprehensive feasibility study to determine potential uses for the 1910 Whately Center School by completing a study that identifies options for the future repurposing of the building and identifying options for bringing the building into alignment for the future reuse. Sealed bids marked "WHATELY CENTER SCHOOL FEASIBILITY BID" on the outside of the envelope will be received by The Town of Whately, 4 Sandy Lane, South Deerfield, MA 01373, until MARCH 31, 2025, at 4 p.m. Download bid information and instructions from <https://www.whately.org/open-procurements-0>. The Town of Whately is the awarding authority and reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in total or in part as they may deem in the best public interest.

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#### Reagan Jade Meuse IMPORTANT NOTICE

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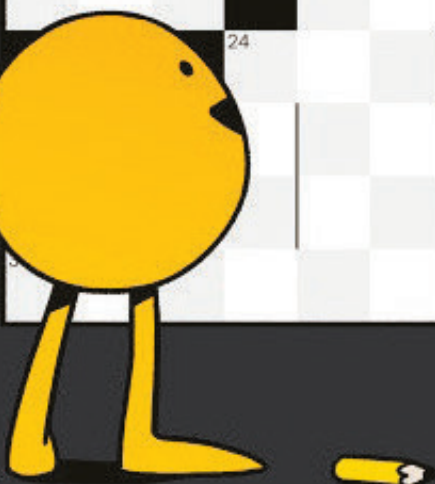
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