



Turley photos by Kristin Rivers

Casey W. Collier, comic book artist for Transformers comics, meets with fans.

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event.”

“I definitely need a bigger spot. Long-term, I’d love to continue writing books. I’ve written several books on Transformers. I have another book coming out in September. The end goal is to open a museum: a toy museum,” Alvarez said. “I like that people can drive by and see the cars and they go, ‘What’s that?’ It brings attention to the store and it creates buzz in the community. So, even if people aren’t here, someone will tell them about it and they’ll go, ‘You know, I got to go down there and check it out.’”

Coller, who’s been a comic book artist since 2008, was excited to meet Transformers fans and show off his artwork.

“It’s a mix of artwork that I’ve done for IDW Transformers comic books and some stuff, like this one here I just did for fun. ‘The Usual Suspects’ homage poster featuring Transformers instead of humans,” Coller said. “So, it’s all just cool Transformer artwork that people usually appreciate for one reason or another.”

Colle always liked drawing and loved comic books, sharing fans enjoyed the “The Killing Joke” homage poster at the event, which was also his first official job.

“I hoped to be a comic book artist as a job right out of high school and that didn’t quite work out, but a little while later, I got a decent-enough portfolio and I always loved Transformers when I was a kid too, so I made a portfolio of Transformers work. I got involved in the online forums for the comic book company, which their editors would actually go on to and look at people’s work,” Coller said. “I entered a contest on the forums, which I wound up winning an art contest and that got my work directly to the chief



John Dowd, in full Mandalorian garb, poses with his 1986 DMC DeLorean.

editor, and not too long after that, they offered me my first job.”

Coller expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports his work.

“I don’t like to say that I have fans, but I like that people appreciate the work that I do and it’s really cool. Transformers fans are a cool community. Everybody seems very supportive of each other,” Coller said. “Any fandom can have some clashes here and there, but for the most part, it’s a very inclusive fandom. It’s just awesome to be a part of.”

SteelBeltedRadials, a TikTok, did other events with Alvarez at the store and was there to take videos, noting the used Transformers she hadn’t seen before.

“I was really excited about seeing the selection. Also, it’s just a really lovely collectibles shop that has a great and very welcoming environment. As a queer woman, I never felt uncomfortable being in this shop and I really appreciate it,” she said.

Her TikTok account, she explained, focuses on media analysis for Transformers content and reviews of knockoff figures.

“Because times are tough. People’s budgets are strapped and a lot of knockoff figures are much cheaper than the originals, but also they can have some quality issues, and so I make them to give people a more informed decision

about their purchases so that they don’t end up wasting their money,” she said. “And, it’s really important to me to better the fandom, to be a positive force in the fandom and then, also, to offer resources and help other people as best that I can.”

Her favorite Transformer is Knock Out from Transformers Prime, with Optimus Prime a close second.

She emphasized how “fandom is an amazing place that can bring a lot of people together.”

“It’s a wonderful community, and I think, right now more than ever, community is such a valuable and powerful thing,” she said.

Alvarez’s message was this.

“Thank you for all of the support from my regulars, from the new people. Has-Been is a place where we accept everyone. All are welcomed. We are super friendly and we love hearing where people are from and what they collect and I love telling stories about my time at Hasbro working on Transformers and G.I. Joe,” Alvarez said. “Collecting and being a part of pop culture, you’re going to meet people from all walks of life. You’re going to meet people from all over the country, the planet and we may be very different and believe very different things, but we all share a love for collecting and nostalgia and it’s a very accepting community.”

SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLES

This ad is pursuant to MA Gen. Law Ch.255, Sec. 39A as of April 24, 2026 the following motor vehicles will be for sale to satisfy a garage keepers lien:

2007 Ford Edge
VIN: 2FMDK48C27BB34174
LKO: Eliel Rodriquez
215 White St.
Springfield, MA 01108
1997 Fleetwood Bounder
VIN: 3FCM53G5VJA05173
LKO: Noemi Souza
222 Allen St.
Springfield MA 01105
Wayman Rainey
126 Valley Rd.
Springfield MA 01119

R & S Assoc. Inc
PO Box 543
Wilbraham MA 01095
413-596-4374
04/9, 04/16, 04/23/2026

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No.
HD26P0665EA
Estate of:
Raymond A. Recor
Date of Death: 01/21/2026
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Mari E. Tarpinian of Wilbraham, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Mari E. Tarpinian of Wilbraham, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/27/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court, Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Claudine T. Stoudemire**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: March 30, 2026
Rosemary A Saccomani,
Register of Probate
04/09/2026

**Town of Hampden
Notice of Public Hearing**

The Hampden Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 6:30 PM** in the Town Hall, 85 Wilbraham Road, Hampden, MA on the application of **Salmar Realty, LLC c/o Peter Martins** for a Special Permit under Section 6, Table of Use Regulation Use Code 4.14 within Table 6.0 of the Zoning Bylaw for a restaurant and a Special Permit with Site Plan Approval under Section 6, Use Code 4.12 for a retail establishment both within the Business District located at 2 Somers Road, Lot #3 (Parcel #12-040-000) owned by **Hampden Farms LLC**. Information related to this application is on file in the Town Clerk’s Office and is

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available for review by the public during normal business hours. For the Board, **Madison Pixley**, Chair of the Hampden Planning Board. Published in the Wilbraham-Hampden Times on April 2 and 9, 2026.
04/02, 04/09/2026

**INVITATION TO BID
TOWN OF WILBRAHAM
WILBRAHAM SEWER PIPE
LINING SERVICES**

The Town of Wilbraham invites sealed bids for the contract entitled **“WILBRAHAM SEWER PIPE LINING SERVICES”** until 1:00 PM on Friday April 24, 2026 at the Engineering Department, Town Office Building, 240 Springfield Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095 where they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope plainly and legibly entitled **“WILBRAHAM SEWER PIPE LINING SERVICES”**. The project consists of the installation of approximately 142 linear feet of Cured-In-Place-Pipe (CIPP) lining of 8-inch asbestos concrete (AC) gravity sewer pipe.

Bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit in the amount of 5% of the bid price. The bid deposit must be in the form of a Bid Bond, a Certified Check, or a Treasurer’s or Cashier’s Check issued by a responsible Bank or Trust Company having office in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Bid Deposit shall be made payable to the Town of Wilbraham.

Prevailing State Minimum Wage Rates must be complied with as per MGL Ch 149 section 26-27d. These wage rates are contained within the contract documents.

Bidders must provide with their bid a signed “Contractors Certification” found in the Invitation to Bid, which certifies Labor and Harmony, OSHA training, Non-Collusion, Non-Discrimination and Tax Certifications.

The Invitation to Bid documents will be available beginning on Wednesday April 8, 2026 at 9:00a.m. via email to **Tonya Capparello at DPW@wilbraham-ma.gov**.

The lowest qualified responsible bidder shall be awarded the contract. The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities, to advertise for new proposals, as deemed in the, interest of the Town.

Tonya L. Capparello, P.E.
Director of Public Works
04/09/2026

**INVITATION TO BID
TOWN OF WILBRAHAM
240 Springfield Street,
Wilbraham, MA 01095
SPRINGFIELD STREET AT
STONY HILL ROAD
INTERSECTION &
SIDEWALK
IMPROVEMENTS**

The Town of Wilbraham, Massachusetts invites sealed bids for **“Springfield Street at Stony Hill Road Intersection & Sidewalk Improvements”**, in accordance with the Contract Documents prepared by **BETA Group, Inc., Consulting Engineers**, 315 Norwood Park South, Norwood, Massachusetts, 02062. The Select Board will receive sealed bids until 1:00 PM on Thursday April 30, 2026 at the Engineering Department, Town Office Building, 240 Springfield Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095 where they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bidders must provide with their bids a signed forms found in the Bid Proposal, which certifies the Labor Harmony and OSHA training, Non-Collusion, Non-Discrimination and Tax Certifications.

To bid on this project, Contractors must be prequalified in accordance with 720 CMR 5.00. MassDOT prequalification of contractors with the class of work as, **“Highway-Construction”**, for the project with an estimated total value of **\$1,400,000**.

Bidders must email **Tonya Capparello at DPW@wilbraham-ma.gov** to obtain digital copies of the documents. Documents will be available April 8, 2026, after 9 a.m.

All bids shall be submitted to the Wilbraham Engineering Department Office at 240 Springfield St, Wilbraham, MA 01095 prior to **Thursday, April 30, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.**

There will be no pre-bid conference.
Bids shall be accompanied

by a bid deposit in the amount of 5% of the bid price. The bid deposit must be in the form of a Bid Bond, a Certified Check, or a Treasurer’s or Cashier’s Check issued by a responsible Bank or Trust Company having office in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Bid Deposit shall be made payable to the Town of Wilbraham.

Complete instructions for filing Bids are included in the Instructions to Bidders.

Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of Department of Workforce Development under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 26 to 270, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Contractor, before bid opening, to request if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those tradespeople who may be employed for the proposed work under this Contract.

The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities, to advertise for new proposals, as deemed in the interest of the Town.

Tonya L. Capparello, P.E.
Director of Public Works
04/09/2026

ADVERTISEMENT

The **Wilbraham Housing Authority**, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the Housing Type: **Elderly 667-1** Development for the Wilbraham Housing Authority in Wilbraham Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by **N3 Architecture, Inc.**

The Project consists of: **Interior renovations of one apartment unit at 5 Miles Morgan Court, Wilbraham, MA**

The work is estimated to cost **\$53,471**

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive.

General Bids will be received until **2:00 pm, Wednesday, April 22, 2026** and publicly opened, forthwith.

This project is being Electronically Bid (E-Bid). All bids shall be prepared and submitted online at **Projectdog.com** and received no later than the date & time specified above. Hard copy bids will not be accepted by the Awarding Authority. For assistance, contact **Projectdog, Inc.** at 978.499.9014.

General bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates) and made payable to the Wilbraham Housing Authority.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available in electronic form and without cost or charge at **Projectdog.com**, project code **873508**, beginning Wednesday, April 1, 2026. Persons desiring hard copies of the documents shall be solely responsible for all printing costs.

The job site and/or existing building will be available for inspection between 9:00 A.M. and 9:30 A.M. on Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

For an appointment call **Tricia Bouchie (413) 543-1700**.
04/08/2026



Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

Job Connection

HELPING YOU FIND HELP

Highway Dept. Skilled Laborer / Truck Driver

The Town of New Braintree Highway Dept. is seeking qualified applicants for the immediate full-time position of Skilled Laborer / Truck Driver. Applicants must have a valid Massachusetts Driver’s License, Class B (CDL) with DOT Medical Examination Certification and a Hoisting Engineer License Class 2B with DOT Medical Examination Certification. Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest and an employment application to: Highway Department, 110 West Brookfield Road, New Braintree MA 01531.

Highway Dept. Seasonal Laborer

The Town of New Braintree is seeking a qualified candidate to perform seasonal work in the maintenance of town commons, roadways, grounds and cemeteries. Applicants must have a valid Massachusetts Driver’s License (Class D). This is a seasonal position for 20 hours per week with a flexible schedule, May through October. Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest and employment application to: Highway Department, 110 West Brookfield Road, New Braintree MA 01531.

**For further information, please contact
Richard Ayer, Highway Superintendent, at 508-867-2451,
or via email at Highway@newbraintree.gov.**

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