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## **Boston Post Cane Guidelines**

### **Purpose**

The Boston Post Cane tradition was established in 1909 by the Boston Post Newspaper. A special cane was presented to the Board of Selectmen in 431 towns in New England, to be presented as an honor to each town's oldest resident. The recipient held the honor as long as he/she lived or moved from the town. Upon his/her death, or move the cane would be awarded to the next oldest resident.

The Cane belongs to the town and not the recipient or the family of the recipient who receives it.

In order to provide for the preservation of the cane and public awareness of the cane and the protection of it from loss or damage, The Town of Lubec has established a protocol and definition of the town's oldest resident.

### **Eligibility and Selection**

The recipient of the Cane must be 90 years old or older and must reside in the Town of Lubec for a minimum of the last 20 years.

The term "resident" refers to a person who has physically resided at a fixed permanent residence in the town.

As there is no formal means of identifying residents by age, selection of the honoree shall be by a Committee of three people. The Committee will consist of one selectman, the Town Clerk and a representative from the Lubec Historical Society.

### **Method to Search for Oldest Resident**

A notice will be published in the Quoddy Tides and put on the local access channel looking for nominations for those residents who are 90 years old or older and have been a resident of Lubec for a minimum of the last 20 years. All nominations must be received in the town office 30 days from the date of the posting of the notice in the media. A nomination form may be obtained from the town office or from the town's website.

### **Presentation**

The Chair of the Lubec Board of Selectmen or his/her designee will present Lubec's oldest resident with a certificate and lapel pin signifying the honor.

The Boston Post Cane will be presented to the resident with the certificate and lapel pin, however after the presentation the Boston Post Cane will be returned to the Town Office for permanent display.

The location of the presentation will be determined according to the circumstances of the honoree.

The recipient will retain this honor as long as he/she remains in Lubec even though another resident may become eligible.

**Notification to Town Office**

The Town Office must be notified if the recipient of the Boston Post Cane dies, changes residency outside of the Town of Lubec, or is in rehabilitation for longer than 90 days.

At that time the Committee shall determine the new oldest resident of Lubec using the guidelines outlined in the policy.

**THE BOSTON POST CANE NOMINATION FORM**  
**Town of Lubec**

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Nominee's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Nominee became a Lubec Resident \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach supporting documentation when submitting form.

Name of Person  
Making Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please forward completed form and attachments to:**

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Boston Post Cane Committee  
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Lubec, ME 04652

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