



**TOWN OF WARREN
GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION
BOSTON POST CANE**

On August 2, 1909, Mr. Edwin A. Grozier, Publisher of the Boston Post, a newspaper, forwarded to the Board of Selectmen in 700 towns* (no cities included) in New England a gold-headed ebony cane with the request that it be presented with the compliments of the Boston Post to the oldest male citizen of the town, to be used by him as long as he lives (or moves from the town), and at his death handed down to the next oldest citizen of the town. The cane would belong to the town and not the man who received it.

In 1930, after considerable controversy, eligibility for the cane was opened to women as well.

To provide for preservation and public awareness of the tradition and protection of the cane from loss or damage, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Warren hereby establish the following protocol for the appropriate selection of the rightful holder of the Boston Post Cane in the Town of Warren:

Eligibility

- + 90 years or older
- + Must be a full time resident (resident is defined as "one who has resided at a fixed, permanent and principal home")
- + Must have resided in the Town of Warren for 10 years or more

The Board of Selectmen may modify these standards at will, if there are no residents that meet this criteria upon the death of the incumbent holder.

The determination of the eldest citizen shall be established by the Town Clerk. If the eldest citizen does not wish to receive the title, the title will then be transferred to the next eldest citizen, meeting the eligibility requirements, who wishes to hold the title.

Method of Search for Candidate

The Town Clerk shall research records for possible candidates. When candidates are verified, the Town Clerk shall research those candidate's whereabouts to verify the eldest citizen and subsequent eligibility.

Presentation

The Chair of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Warren shall present the title of Eldest Citizen" upon the selectee and present him or her with a plaque signifying the honor and shall cause the name of the honoree to be inscribed on a plaque to be displayed along with the original Boston Post Cane at the municipal office of the Town of Warren.

The recipient shall retain the honor as long as the individual lives, even though another resident may become eligible. The Town Clerk must be notified if the recipient of the Boston Post Cane dies or otherwise refuses the honor. At that time, another recipient shall be chosen.

If the decision is made to no longer display the Boston Post Cane at the Town Office, it would be placed in the custody of the Warren Historical Society.

Given under our hands, this 18th day of May, 2022.

Signed,

Jan Macdonald

Jan Macdonald, Chair

Wayne Luce

Wayne Luce, Vice Chair

John Crabtree

John Crabtree

Roger Peabody

Brent Pratt

Board of Selectmen

A True Copy Attest:

Corinne Michaud

Corinne Michaud, Town Clerk

