

Town of Boscawen, NH

Boston Post Cane Policy Adopted 05/26/2022 Reviewed 04/11/2024

PURPOSE

The Boston Post Cane Policy of the Town of Boscawen is adopted for the purpose of setting guidelines for the Select Board, as Trustees of the Boston Post Cane, to follow to ensure that the Town is administering the distribution of the cane in a manner that follows the wishes of the donor.

AUTHORITY

The policy is adopted by the Select Board in accordance with the authority granted to the Board by the donor of the cane.

CANE OWNERSHIP

The Boscawen Boston Post Cane is the property of the Town of Boscawen. The original cane is retained at the Municipal Building in the Town Administrator's office and the recipient receives a replica of the original cane.

TRUSTEES OF THE BOSTON POST CANE

The Select Board of the Town of Boscawen serves as the Trustees of the Boston Post Cane.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE CANE

The Boston Post Cane shall be presented to the oldest resident of the Town of Boscawen with the following qualifications and stipulations:

1. No person who has resided in Boscawen for fewer than twenty years shall be eligible to receive the cane, unless the Trustees of the Boston Post Cane judge that the person's contributions to the community have been so extraordinary as to exempt him/her.

- 2. Individuals meeting the above criteria who no longer live in Boscawen by virtue of the fact that they are, for medical reasons, required to live in an assisted living facility are eligible for the award.
- 3. If the oldest qualified resident does not accept the cane, the Trustees of the cane shall offer the cane to the next qualified resident.
- 4. Upon the passing of the holder of the Boston Post Cane, the Trustees will wait a period of sixty (60) days before presenting the cane to the next resident qualified to hold the cane. The recipient's family may request to retain the cane until their funeral services have commenced with approval from the Select Board.

RETENTION OF THE CANE

To ensure that the Trustees retain possession of the cane after the death of the holder, the Trustees shall:

- 1. Maintain regular contact with the holder of the cane.
- 2. Ensure that presentation of the cane to a qualified holder has been documented by any means possible.

This policy was reviewed at a regularly noticed Select Board meeting on April 11, 2024.

Town of Boscawen

Select Board

Lorrie J. Carey, Chair

Bill Bevans, Member

Matthew T. Burdick, Member

Boston Post Cane Nomination Form

Nominee Information	
Name:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
Date of Birth:	
Year Nominee Became Resident:	
Nominated By	
Name:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	
Information About Nominee	

Please Return Completed Form to:

Town of Boscawen

ATTN: Town Administrator/Boston Post Cane

116 North Main Street, Boscawen, NH 03303

Please contact the Town Administrator's office with any questions at (603) 753-9188 Ext. 2317