

**TOWN OF ALTON**  
**BOSTON POST CANE POLICY**

**SECTION I: PURPOSE**

This policy known as the Boston Post Cane Policy of the Town of Alton is adopted for the purpose of setting guidelines for the Board of Selectmen, 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.

**SECTION II. AUTHORITY**

These policies are adopted by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with the authority granted to the Board by the donor of the cane.

**SECTION III. CANE OWNERSHIP**

The Alton Boston Post Cane is the property of the Town of Alton. The original cane is retained at the Town Hall in the Heidke Room and the recipient receives a replica of the original cane.

**SECTION IV. TRUSTEES OF THE BOSTON POST CANE**

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Alton serves as the Trustees of the Boston Post Cane.

**SECTION V. DISTRIBUTION OF THE CANE**

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

1. No person who has resided in Alton 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. Person's meeting the above criteria who no longer live in Alton 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 thirty (30) days before presenting the cane to the next resident qualified to hold the cane.

**SECTION VI. 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.

## **VII. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This policy shall be effective upon a vote of the Board of Selectmen and shall replace any and all Boston Post Cane procedures or policy previously enacted by the Town.

**BOS Approved: May 15, 2015**



Town of Alton, NH

**BOSTON POST CANE NOMINATION FORM**

Please print clearly

For eligibility, please refer to policy.

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**NOMINEE INFORMATION:**

Name & Address:

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Phone Number of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Nominee became a Resident \_\_\_\_\_

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**PERSON MAKING NOMINATION:**

Name & Address:

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Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please Return Completed Form to:

Town of Alton  
ATTN: Boston Post Cane  
PO Box 659  
Alton, NH 03809  
Fax: (603) 875-0207

Please contact the Town Administrator's office with any questions at (603) 875-0102