

Boston Post Cane Policy for Wilmot, New Hampshire

1. The Boston Post Cane is the property of the Wilmot Historical Society (the -Society) and will remain in the possession of the Society at all times, except when a new recipient has his/her photo taken with it.
2. A Boston Post Cane Certificate will be awarded to the oldest person residing in town when he or she becomes eligible. The holder will retain the honor of “Cane Holder” as long as he/she resides in Wilmot. (See residency requirements in #4 below.)
 - If someone older than the existing cane holder moves into town, the new person will become eligible for the cane when the cane is next awarded.
 - A grieving period of at least 60 days after the death of a cane holder will take place before recognition of a new cane holder.
3. During a small private ceremony, a representative of the Society will present the cane and a certificate of recognition (framed) to the person and record the event with a photo. Once the photo is developed and framed, the Society will present the photo to the newly recognized cane holder. A framed copy of both the photo and certificate will hang in the Wilmot Town Office.
 - The photo and recognition certificate remain with the cane holder and his/her family for posterity.
 - The Town copy will be retained in the Society’s records when the selection of new cane holder is completed.
4. If a cane holder moves from Wilmot to another residence outside of Wilmot, a new cane holder will be selected.
 - For purposes of the definition of residence, the cane holder may reside temporarily outside Wilmot if the holder’s intent is to return to Wilmot. For example, if the holder moves to a warmer climate during the winter months and returns to Wilmot in the spring.
 - However, if a “temporary” period of time away exceeds six months then a new cane holder may be selected at the discretion of the Society’s Board of Directors.
 - In the situation of a cane holder who moves away from town, a period of 60 days will take place before a new cane holder is selected. An example for this would be if a person permanently moved into a nursing home or a relative’s home. This provision does not apply to a person “temporarily” away from Wilmot, as described above.
5. If the oldest known qualified resident of Wilmot declines the honor of receiving the cane after considering the offer for no more than 2 weeks, the next oldest person will become eligible.

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