

BOSTON POST CANE NOMINATION FORM

Boothbay Harbor, Maine

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

Nominee's Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

Year Nominee became a Boothbay Harbor Resident: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach proof of birth and residency when submitting form.

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

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

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please forward form and attachments to: Town Clerk's Office  
11 Howard Street  
Boothbay Harbor, ME 04538

or

Fax: 207-633-7712

or

[mfarnham@boothbayharbor.org](mailto:mfarnham@boothbayharbor.org)

If you have any questions please call Michelle Farnham, Town Clerk, at 207-633-7714.

## BOSTON POST CANE GUIDELINES

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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. Upon his or her death the cane would be awarded to the next oldest resident.

The cane would belong to the town and not the resident who received it in order to provide for the preservation and public awareness of the tradition and protection of the cane from loss or damage.

### Eligibility and Selection:

The holder of the Cane must be the oldest known resident and must reside in the Town of Boothbay Harbor for a minimum of 5 years.

The term 'resident' refers to a person who intends to physically reside at a fixed, permanent and principal home in the town.

The applicant for the Boston Post Cane must be a Boothbay Harbor resident though they may be living outside of Boothbay Harbor with family or in an assisted living/nursing facility. It is understood that the person would be living in Boothbay Harbor if it were possible.

Recognizing that the Town has no formal means of identifying residents by age, selection of the honoree shall be by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Clerk.

### Method to Search for Oldest Resident:

There shall be a notice posted and publicized in other ways which are normally seen by the residents. Nominations for those residents who can prove their age and has been a resident of Boothbay Harbor for a minimum of 5 years. All nominations must be received in the Town Clerk's Office 60 days from the date of the posting of the notice. The search may also include an informal survey, general public knowledge, and inquiries to nursing homes, civic groups, and churches or by nomination from family or friends. A nomination form may be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office online at [www.boothbayharbor.org](http://www.boothbayharbor.org).

### Presentation:

The Chairman of the Boothbay Harbor Board of Selectmen or his/her designee shall present Boothbay Harbor's oldest resident with a certificate signifying the honor.

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 lives even though another resident may become eligible. The Town Clerk's Office must be notified if the recipient of the Boston Post Cane dies or otherwise refuses or returns the honor. At that time the Town Clerk shall determine the new oldest resident of Boothbay Harbor and present the name to the Board of Selectmen.