

TOWN OF MINOT, MAINE

Guidelines for the Selection of the Eldest Citizen to hold the BOSTON POST CANE

The Boston Post Cane tradition was established in 1909 by Edwin Grozier, Editor and Publisher of the *Boston Post Newspaper*. On August 2, 1909 in letters sent to 700 Boards of Selectmen of towns in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island, Grozier asked them to be trustees of the 700 ebony, gold topped canes that he had contracted to be made during the previous year. A special cane was then presented to the governing authority in 431 towns in New England who responded to the letter, to be presented as an honor to each town's oldest resident. The recipient held the honor as long as he/she lived within the town's boundaries.

Upon his or her death (or relocation outside of the municipality) the cane would be awarded to the next oldest resident. A stipulation in the letter was that the original Cane would belong to the town and not the citizen who received it in order to provide for the preservation and public awareness of the tradition. To provide for preservation and public awareness of the tradition and protection of the cane from loss or damage, Minot Board of Selectmen hereby establish the following protocol for the selection of the *Eldest Minot Citizen* who is the rightful holder of said title and for the appropriate recognition of said citizen.

Eligibility and Selection:

- At least 90 years of age.
- Must have resided in the Town of MINOT for at least the past 5 years.
 - If the resident is now in a home or other facility but still claims Minot as their residency, they are eligible to be nominated.

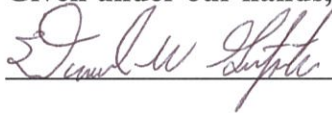
If a situation arises where these conditions cannot be met, the Minot Board of Selectmen may modify these requirements by a majority vote at a normal scheduled and advertised meeting.

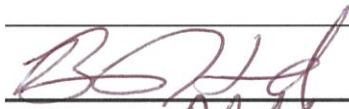
Presentation:

The Board of Selectmen and the Town Clerk as witness shall bestow the title of "Eldest Citizen" upon the selectee and present him/her with a replica cane and certificate signifying the honor and shall cause the name of the honoree to be inscribed on a plaque to be displayed at town hall. The location of the presentation will be determined according to the circumstances of the honoree.

The recipient will retain this honor and the replica cane as long as the individual 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 Town of MINOT.

Given under our hands, this 25th day of July 2022.

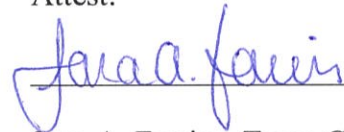






A majority of the Selectmen of the Town of Minot, Maine

Attest:



Sara A. Farris – Town Clerk

Date: 8/8/2022