

**TOWN OF MOUNT DESERT
PUBLIC NOTICE
BOSTON POST CANE RECIPIENT NOMINATION**

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 presented to the Board of Selectmen in 600 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 (or moved from the town). Upon his or her death (or move) the cane would be awarded to the next oldest resident. A stipulation in the letter was that the Cane would belong to the town and not the resident who received it.

The Town Clerk is conducting a search for the next eligible recipient. Traditionally, a search of the voter records is conducted to determine the oldest living citizen of the town. To be eligible to receive the award of eldest citizen of the Town of Mount Desert, the resident must reside in the Town of Mount Desert for a principal portion of his/her life. The term 'resident' refers to a person who has physically resided year-round at a fixed, permanent, and principal home in the town.

If you would like to nominate someone for consideration, please complete the nomination form found on the Town of Mount Desert's website Clerk's page: <https://www.mtdesert.org/town-clerk> along with the required documentation. All completed nominations must be received in the Town Clerk's Office no later than January 28th, 2022.

Contact the Clerk's office at 276-5531 with any questions.