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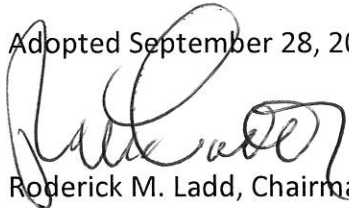
BOSTON CANE POLICY

In keeping with the New England tradition, the Boston Cane is presented to the oldest living resident of Haverhill. The Boston Cane began in 1909 as a marketing tool to increase newspaper circulation at the Boston Post. Initially, there were 431 of the canes. The canes were made from African ebony with a 14-carat gold handle. By 1930, the tradition of presenting the cane to the oldest town resident was modified to include women.

The Town of Haverhill Selectboard adopts this procedural policy for conveyance of the Cane.

1. The cane will be awarded to the oldest town resident upon the death of a Boston Cane holder. The cane shall be awarded between 30-60 days following the death of the current Boston Cane holder.
2. A recipient must be a resident of the Town of Haverhill for a one-year period prior to receiving the Cane.
3. Once awarded, the Cane cannot be awarded to any other person until the current Boston Cane recipient's death or upon that person becoming a resident in another town.

Adopted September 28, 2009



Roderick M. Ladd, Chairman



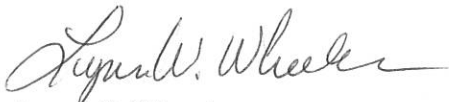
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