

Guidelines for Campton Cane

1. The Campton Historical Society shall be the administrators of the **Campton Cane** program. Formal guidelines and procedures shall be established by a majority vote of the Executive Board, as well as changes and additions to the same.
2. Selection of the recipients shall be made by the Executive Board of CHS, with input as needed from the Town Office and other sources.
3. The recipient or their family must give their approval.
4. The cane will be presented to the most senior citizen of the Town of Campton with the following criteria.
5. The recipient must be a United States citizen or a naturalized US citizen.
6. The recipient shall have resided in Town for a minimum of the previous 25 consecutive years.
7. The recipient must be a resident in Town at a permanent and fixed principal home. If the recipient enters a nursing home or other similar long term care facility outside of Campton then the cane will remain in the possession of their family that lives in Campton until the recipient passes. However, if their family lives out of Campton, the cane will be returned to the care of the Campton Historical Society until the recipient passes.
8. Other than the circumstances named above, if the holder of the cane moves out of Town the cane is to be returned to the Campton Historical Society and reassigned.
9. In the event of the death of the holder, a minimum waiting period of 10 days is suggested before contacting the family about the return of the cane.
10. The method of presentation and recognition is to be determined in cooperation with the recipient and/or their family. A public ceremony is preferred, which will be coordinated by the Campton Historical Society. Participation by the Board of Selectmen and Executive Board of CHS is preferred, any friends and family members the recipient would like present will also be included. A printed certificate is presented; the CHS shall also distribute a press release to the appropriate sources.
11. Two brass plates are obtained by the CHS and inscribed with the recipients name, one is affixed to the Cane before presentation and the other is affixed to the wooden plaque that shall remain at the Campton Historical Society. When the recipient passes the dates are inscribed on both plates and returned to their proper place. Two new plates will be made for the new recipient.