

PRESS RELEASE

Goffstown Seeks Oldest Resident

For the first time in twelve (12) years, the Goffstown Board of Selectmen is searching for a new recipient of their Boston Post Cane. The previous recipient, Mrs. Colombe Ouellette held the cane from September 1995 until her recent death on April 30, 2007 at the age of 108.

The Boston Post Cane was originally given to the town by the *Boston Post* newspaper in 1909 as an advertising gimmick. The cane has a long and distinguished history, Originally only men were eligible to hold the cane, but in 1930 with women's suffrage and the establishment of women's rights the tradition was amended to allow women to accept the cane.

To be eligible one must be the oldest living citizen in the Town of Goffstown and a residing member of the community of Goffstown at the time the cane is presented. The citizen may be in a nursing home at the time the cane is presented but they must have been a resident of Goffstown prior to going into the nursing home.

If you have the name of a potential recipient, please contact the Goffstown Town Clerk at 603-497-8990 ext. 109.