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95 years young in Palermo

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PALERMO — Virginia Dow (seated, at center) was recognized as the oldest citizen in Palermo during that community's annual town meeting Saturday, March 12. The meeting happened to coincide with Dow's 95th birthday, and residents opened the meeting by standing and singing "Happy Birthday" to her. Selectwoman Sophie Glidden spoke about some of Dow's accomplishments in life — a mother of two, Dow served as Palermo's town clerk for 41 years (serving until 1993). "She was always more like a relative than a town clerk," said Glidden, recounting Dow's friendly and familiar nature in carrying out her official duties. Dow was presented with the town's Boston Post Cane on Saturday, along with flowers and a plaque. PHOTO BY STEVE FULLER

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