

# PEQUITSIDE BARN ARCHITECTURAL STUDY

Applicants: Conservation & Recreation Commissions

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## Project Description:

The Canton Conservation Commission in collaboration with the Playground and Recreation Commission is seeking \$28,000 in CPA funds for an Architectural Study and Code Assessment of the historic Pequitside Barn (pictured above). The former horse barn, constructed for the Draper family in 1895, is a contributing structure to the Canton Corner National Historic District and still boasts the original brass weathervane atop the large cupola. The barn is currently underutilized, serving primarily as a storage facility for municipal departments. The goal of the proposed study is to identify the steps necessary to bring the barn up to code for public assembly purposes while preserving the historical integrity of the structure. Future uses under consideration include space for Pequitside Day Camp, the Canton Community Theater and private rentals among others. Additionally, the study will compliment an engineering study currently underway at Pequitside Farm aimed at improving vehicular circulation, access and parking and utilities at this site. The study is supported by the Canton Historical Commission and is the first step in restoring this historic structure to a condition in which it can be more effectively utilized both for municipal purposes and as a source of potential rental income. The Conservation Commission voted to appropriate \$5,000 from the Pequitside Rental Fund towards the cost of the study and the CCPC voted to recommend full funding of the study at \$28,000.