

## STEARNS BURTON LECTURE FUND

### GREETINGS!

It has been a year since we have been appointed to the Stearns Burton committee and it continues to be one of learning for all three of us. After going over Albert Stearns' articles of donation and consulting with the Selectmen, we have determined that some past funding of events did not adhere to the fund's intentions. At some point "entertainment" was allowed, although we can find no reference to it in any of the documents we have read.

To honor Captain Stearns intentions, we feel that we must be more diligent about the types of programs we recommend for funding. We are sorry if this is disappointing to any organizations that have depended upon the fund to finance their programs. Please read the new Stearns Burton fact sheet and determine whether your event is suitable to the criteria stated in the "specifics". We will try to be open in our interpretation but our first responsibility is to the fund and its benefactors.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

The Stearns Burton Committee Members

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