

Remembering Sarah (Sally) Barnett



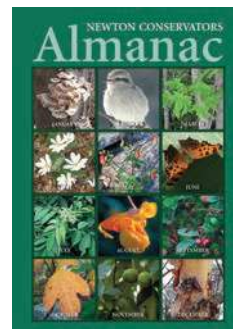
Sarah Barnett, who died on October 3, 2024, was a steadfast worker for the preservation of open space in Newton starting in the 1970s with working to help save Webster Woods. She was a member of Newton Conservators' Board of Directors from 1973 to 1984. She served as president from 1980 to 1982 and past president from 1982 to 1984. She was part of a group that won the Environmentalist of the Year Award in 1976 for producing Newton's first Open Space Plan in 1973-74. Beginning in 1976 she was a driving force in the Conservators for advocating for the former Newton Almshouse and Xaverian Brothers' Working Boys Home Lands to become Nahanton Park in 1987. In the late 1990s she worked with the Conservators as a strong advocate for placing a conservation restriction on open space as part of the development of the Andover-Newton Seminary woods for elderly housing. She loved children and introducing them to nature. Her

husband, Octo, who was a member of Newton Conservators' Board of Directors from 2007 to 2010, preceded her in passing in 2020. There was a Memorial Service at the First Unitarian Universal Society in Newton on November 24, 2024, for both Sarah and Octo. More about Sarah can be found in her obituary at: www.eatonfuneralhomes.com/obituary/Sarah-Barnett

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Newton Conservators promotes the protection and preservation of natural areas, including parks, playgrounds, forests, and streams which are open or may be converted to open space for the enjoyment and benefit of the people of Newton. It further aims to disseminate information about these and other environmental matters.

A primary goal is to foster the acquisition of land, buildings, and other facilities to be used for the encouragement of scientific, educational, recreational, literary, and other public pursuits that will promote good citizenship and the general welfare of the people of our community.

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