

## *Hold On To The Vision*

It didn't flood the town with visitors from all over New England, but the organizers of the first annual JazzFest have good reason to pat themselves on the back for a job well done. They put on a long day of music that included local musicians and culminated in two top-notch sets, the likes of which would be hard to top anywhere in greater New England.

The festival organizers started with a vision of a longer celebration, with music and activities that spanned Main Street. That didn't happen. But that's okay; the festival got a good foothold this weekend. Now the organizers can go back to the drawing board and decide what worked and what didn't, what to leave out and what to improve upon. They can take the

next step because they now have a foundation to build on.

Organizing the festival was a very large project, and it required a lot of work from a lot of people. Saturday's concert was an enormous undertaking in itself.

The organizers might be tempted to revise their vision, to scale back on the idea. If they are, we would discourage it. To keep the vision is not to say that they have to realize it next year, or the year after. A vision is just that: a guiding point on the horizon.

JazzFest is a great idea. It adds to the town's cultural fabric and, eventually, will be a boost to the town's economy. It's an idea that needs time to grow. With persistence now, it's an idea that one day will take on a life of its own.