

All-Day Jazz Festival May Include National Headliner

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Falmouth will be hosting a jazz festival beside Falmouth Inner Harbor this fall, an all-day event of live music that will feature local as well as regional jazz performers and, organizers hope, a national headliner.

JazzFest Falmouth is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, October 4 and 5, at the Oscar Wolf

Bandshell at Bigelow Marine Park on Scranton Avenue.

On Saturday, live music is being scheduled from noon to 10 PM. On Sunday, organizers are planning a gospel breakfast from 10 AM to noon.

The event is being put on by ArtsFalmouth, a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the arts in the Town of Falmouth.

The Arts Foundation of Cape Cod is coordinating major arts events in three Cape Cod towns, including Falmouth, on the same weekend, which will be called the Fall for the Arts Festival, and will provide marketing and logistical support for the jazz festival.

Parking for the event will be available at the Island Queen's parking lot on Scranton Avenue.

The organizers are planning to charge admission, erect a tent and seating, and install fencing in the grass area around the bandshell.

Dennis D. Murphy of Main Street, Falmouth, and Stanton Terrell of Acapesket Road, East Falmouth, are co-chairmen of

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the jazz festival, and Mr. Murphy came before Falmouth selectmen this week to ask permission to hold the event.

Dennis Murphy, who also serves on the Falmouth Zoning Board of Appeals, is the nephew of Kevin E. Murphy, chairman of the selectmen. Before the discussion, Kevin Murphy gave a disclosure about the relationship

and said he asked town counsel whether he could participate in the discussion and vote on the issue. He was advised that he could.

Dennis Murphy said the organizers are hoping to be able to serve beer and wine at the event, which also requires permission from selectmen. It would be unusual but not unprecedented to allow alcohol to be served on town property.

Alcohol has been served at Highfield Hall, which is town-owned but leased to another organization, Historic Highfield. Alcoholic beverages are also served at Falmouth Country Club, which is town-owned.

There was also an event sponsored by the Falmouth Economic Development and Industrial Corporation that took place in the park behind town hall in which alcohol was served.

If alcohol is allowed, organizers said they could erect a "beer garden" type area that is fenced in and monitored where the alcohol would be served.

Selectman Catherine O'Brien Bumpus said she was concerned that if alcohol were allowed, it would set a precedent and other groups would make the same request.

Selectman Carey M. Murphy said he thought this was the type of event where people would

enjoy a beverage. "We can take others on a case-by-case basis," he said.

Selectmen took the request under advisement for one week, saying they needed to consider the issue.

The organizers are still looking for sponsors for the jazz festival. If they receive permission to serve alcohol, they are hoping to approach beer companies, among others, for sponsorship.

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