

JazzFest Falmouth will bring zest to fall

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event hopes
for 500 people

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It might not be three days of peace, love and music but, come next fall, Falmouth could be the spot for one day of some really cool jazz.

JazzFest Falmouth, which is part of the non-profit ArtsFalmouth, will stage the jazz festival next October at the bandshell at Marine Park. The concert is in connection with the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod, which will coordinate major arts events in Falmouth and two other Cape towns on the weekend of Oct. 4 and 5 as part of its Fall for the Arts festival.

The festival, which was approved by selectmen Monday night, hopes to bring in between 300 to 500 music lovers.

"This is the inaugural event," said Dennis Murphy, who co-chairs the event

with Stan Terrell. "We do hope to bring it back year after year."

Although still in the planning stages, the idea right now is to put Falmouth on the map musically in the same way that, on an international scale, Newport, R.I., is known for its jazz festival.

Murphy told selectmen Monday night that the show will take place Saturday, Oct. 4 from noon until 10 p.m. and would highlight local and regional performers with the hope of a national headliner to complete the bill. There could also be a Sunday jazz brunch as the weekend winds down.

Selectmen approved JazzFest Falmouth's application for a special event but took under advisement an additional request for a one-day liquor license. The board emphasized the serious nature of permitting alcohol on town-owned property but several board members suggested a possible "beer garden" with strictly controlled access.

The group has requested use of parking lots around the bandshell but has also entered into an agreement with the Island Queen to make use of its parking lots.