

**BARNSTABLE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES**  
**Standing Committees on Economic Affairs and Natural Resources**  
**Joint Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes 12-5-12**

The Standing Committees on Economic Affairs and Natural Resources met jointly to decide how/if to engage in discussion about the Aquacultural Research Corporation and economic sector support on December 5, 2012 beginning at 3:25 p.m.

Standing Committee on Economic Affairs Committee Members present: Teresa Martin, Vice-Chair, Spyro Mitrokostas, James Killion, and John Ohman.

Standing Committee on Natural Resources Committee Members present: Leo Cakounes, Deborah McCutcheon, and Marcia King.

The committee briefly discussed the multiple issues surrounding Barnstable County's interest in the Aquacultural Research Corporation. Questions remained as to which committee(s) should review the issues or whether a separate committee should be formed to handle the review process. An outline to help frame the issues and possible process to follow was prepared by Teresa Martin (as the Chair for this Joint Committee Meeting) and distributed to committee members.

Committee opinions ranged from: handling by existing Assembly committees, assigning to a Special Committee established by the Speaker, and acknowledgement that the County Commissioners may have the responsibility and authority now but the Assembly could be interested in participating in this process if invited to do so. The committee has interest in gathering information and looking into the process and alternatives and bringing it back to the Assembly for debate.

Leo Cakounes expressed that perhaps the Speaker could consider approaching the Commissioners, in writing as suggested by Marcia King, and offer the services of the Assembly by way of input from the Natural Resources and Economic Affairs Standing Committees consisting of research assistance on the purchase or development of the Aquacultural Research Corporation (ARC) property.

The committee agrees that there are: issues related to natural resources and economic affairs, are receiving comments from constituents, and that the Assembly has no formal role based on how the process is currently structured. The committee could ask the Commissioners, through the Speaker, to consider an offer of services from the committee or create a separate committee (with support of the full Assembly) that would combine both areas of representation to be used as a forum to gather and disseminate information. It was brought to the attention of committee members that the full Assembly had previously asked for this review process by a standing committee.

There was no other business to transact. **Leo Cakounes motioned and it was seconded to adjourn the committee meeting. Unanimous 7-0-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Janice O'Connell, Assembly Clerk