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## Town support helps island land effort

Date December 21, 2006

To the editor:

Thanks to the support of the Portsmouth Town Council, Prudence Island's all-volunteer land trust is now closer to raising the \$175,000 needed to retain a conservation easement in perpetuity on one of the island's last major open space parcels. On Monday, Dec. 11, the Council decided to provide **Prudence Conservancy** with a grant of \$75,000 from Portsmouth's Open Space Fund.

To avoid development of the 168 acres located on Neck Farm Road which, according to Portsmouth town planning office, would allow for 75 new residences, the late Luther Blount, shipbuilder, inventor and long time land-owner and member of **Prudence Conservancy's** Board of Directors, offered the Conservancy development rights in perpetuity at a price of \$175,000, far below the \$1,100,000 assessed land value.

As Town Administrator Bob Driscoll, pointed out to the council, protecting open space saves money as the cost of services provided on developed land exceed the increased taxes collected. Driscoll added that the savings on Prudence Island are even greater due to the higher cost of providing own services on the Island.

The Portsmouth Open Space Fund was created by the Council in 1999 and is funded through a set-aside of a portion of the town's share of the conveyance tax on property sales. As has been the case with its use in the past, **Prudence Conservancy** intends to use the town funds to leverage additional funds from the State or private foundations which require local matching funds on grants for the purchase of conservation easements.

Robert Marshall

Prudence Island

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