

Town to explore harnessing wind power

There's no reason not to explore it and even use the power locally as long as there is no real energy to support. Wind power was used in the old days to power the bulb in the barn ... so we know it is real and really small.

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At least one tower, more than 100 feet tall, is expected to spring up in Swampscott this fall.

It will stand for one year measuring the wind and collecting data that will help the town determine if it will be able to use wind power.

Acting on a proposal from the Renewable Energy Committee, selectmen approved the wind study Monday.

"There's almost no reason at least not to do the study," said Dr. Lawrence Block, chairman of the energy committee. "Fortunately, the selectmen saw the value in that."