

# *Energy Systems adopted by the Town of Newbury*

*The town voted on March 9, 2010 to adopt the provisions of NH RSA 72:61 through 72:72 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property which is equipped with solar energy systems, wind-powered energy systems or wood-heating energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying equipment under those statutes up to a maximum of \$5,000 for each solar energy system, wind-powered energy system or wood-heating energy system.*

## *Solar Energy*

[72:61 Definition of Solar Energy Systems.](#) – In this subdivision ""solar energy system" means a system which utilizes solar energy to heat or cool the interior of a building or to heat water for use in a building and which includes one or more collectors and a storage container. ""Solar energy system" also means a system which provides electricity for a building by the use of photovoltaic panels.

[72:62 Exemption for Solar Energy Systems.](#) – Each city and town may adopt under RSA 72:27-a an exemption from the assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property which is equipped with a solar energy system as defined in RSA 72:61.

## *Wind-Powered Energy*

[72:65 Definition of Wind-Powered Energy Systems.](#) – In this subdivision ""wind-powered energy system" means any wind-powered devices which supplement or replace electrical power supplied to households or businesses at the immediate site.

[72:66 Exemption for Wind-Powered Energy Systems.](#) – Each city and town may adopt under RSA 72:27-a an exemption from the assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property which is equipped with a wind-powered energy system.

## *Woodheating Energy*

[72:69 Definition of Woodheating Energy System.](#) – In this subdivision ""woodheating energy system" means a wood burning appliance designed to operate as a central heating system to heat the interior of a building. The appliance may burn wood solely or burn wood in combination with another fuel. A central heating system shall include a central appliance to distribute heat by a series of pipes, ducts or similar distribution system throughout a single building or group of buildings. A wood burning appliance shall not include a fireplace, meaning a hearth, fire chamber or similarly prepared place with a chimney intended to be usable in an open configuration whether or not it may also be closed and operated closed; or a wood stove meaning a wood burning appliance designed for space heating purposes which does not operate as a central heating system or as a sole source of heat.

[72:70 Exemption for Woodheating Energy Systems.](#) – Each city and town may adopt under RSA 72:27-a an exemption from the assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property which is equipped with a woodheating energy system.