

GENERAL CODE – TOWN OF RYE – CODIFICATION

- Town of Rye entered into a contract with General Code to codify all the town's ordinances. Selectmen in 2018 I believe; you will need to check with the Selectmen. This will be explained at the Deliberative Session.
- General Code went through all the Town's codes, ordinances and brought them up to date and legal and put each in its own chapter and any changes asked that they be made and if they required a vote, it was voted upon.
- As part of its work General Code corrected typographical and grammatical errors and erroneous cross-references; updated references to state statutes and regulations and source materials referenced in ordinances; and removed or corrected provisions which conflict with changes in state legislation.
- The changes to the Rye Zoning Ordinance, Land Development Regulations, Building Code, Floodplain Ordinance are part of that codification and each will have their own chapters. The Planning Board held a public hearing to vote to adopt and move these to the warrant. The Land Development Regs will be adopted February 11, 2020 at the public hearing.
- The main reason to codify is to simply to gather the Town's ordinances and regulations into one place so they are easily accessible. The online code in particular will make it possible to search across all of the Town's legislation at once instead of having to go through different documents.
- General Code will provide several copies of a new code book in hard binder form to distribute to town officials and town counsel. Selectmen will get a book then have to return it when they leave office. It will also be available on line for the public.
- General Code will maintain it and update it with supplements for annual changes. As an example, if you go to the Derry online code and search on the word "fence" you will get 16 hits, across both the Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 165) and the Land Development Regulations (Chapter 170). So, if a Derry resident is interested in building a fence on their lot this simple search will take them quickly and easily to any provisions in the Derry Code relating to fences. Residents of Rye will similarly have this easy access to the Town's ordinances and regulations once the new Town Code is up and running. The following link is to the online Code for the Town of Derry, also in Rockingham County, which includes the Town's Zoning Ordinance and Land Development Regulations, similar to Rye's Code: <https://ecode360.com/DE1924>
- The Town of Rye code will go active once it is adopted in March.