

Suffolk County General Service
Ad Hoc Committee Investigating Redistricting
Chair: Scott M.
7/21/23

The committee has met twice so far via Zoom:

1. June 20, 2023
2. July 18, 2023

1. At our first meeting:

- a. We established scope and procedure
- b. We decided we would investigate 3 questions:
 - i. Is the current Suffolk County District structure working? If not, what can we do to make it more effective/efficient?
 - ii. Is the Suffolk County General Service meeting structure/format effective? If not, what can we do to make it more effective/efficient?
 - iii. Are Suffolk County DCMs fully informed and empowered to do their jobs effectively? For example, do they know that the SGS Meeting is extra credit? Do they know that their job is to visit groups? Do they know that it's their job to make sure unrepresented groups elect GSRs? If not, what can we do to better inform and empower DCMs to do their jobs the best they can?

2. At our second meeting:

- a. We met with David V from Suffolk Intergroup to bring our investigation of the implications of redistricting
- b. David created a robust spreadsheet which logs active groups and organizes them according to town and district
- c. Some key takeaways:
 - i. Not all groups in Suffolk County are registered with General Services
 - ii. Not all groups are registered in correct districts
 - iii. Big Question: how to account for online groups since GSO does not recognize online groups
 - iv. At this point, General Service does not have accurate group data.
 - v. Further explore how to update SCGS data utilizing SIA information.
 - vi. SIA has current data, is generously willing to cooperate/share the data so SCGS data can be updated (and ease the workload of the SCGS Registrar).
 - vii. If Suffolk County decided to reorganize, communication and sharing of information between General Services and Suffolk Intergroup would be vital