

# Safe at Home Committee Meeting Minutes

May 9 – 1:00 PM

Meeting Place, residence of Timi Bates

Attendance: Joyce Lapenn, Natalie Kahan, Lynne Colclough, Beth Gordon, Timi Bates, Shirley Bresler, Rene Gibson, Joyce Ferrentino, Lynda Brenner, Deepak Crawford and Mary Lou Kersten

## Everhome Demonstration Project

Lynda Brenner attended the informational meeting. Everhome is a way to bring technology into the home to service the aging. The technology would provide ways to monitor and safeguard elderly living at home. Project is in formative stages and there are some program sites in the works. It is an ongoing project in development. Karen Wolfe is a spokesperson for Everhome; it was suggested that she will be invited for our next meeting.

## Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour will take place May 24, 10:00 – 11:30 AM at the Hillsdale House, Carmen Barbato Jr. is fully onboard. Posters will be placed around town. Press release was sent to the Columbia Paper. Wendy Garfield will be the first speaker, discussing balance, the hazards of falls and prevention. Coffee hours will continue the last Tuesday of every month. Postcard mailings for future coffee hours will be explored.

## Workshop – Aging in Place

A proposal was sent to the Fund for Columbia County (within Berkshire Taconic Foundation) for a grant to cover expenses. We are waiting for their response. The event will take place November 12 at the Hillsdale Volunteer Fire Department. Shirley provided a workplan time table. Speakers, table presenters, and organizations need to be identified and engaged by June 30. Then publicity and hospitality deadlines are detailed.

## Next Mailing of Last UpDate

Topics will be: Coffee hours, example of how Safe At Home was a help to a Hillsdale resident, Office of the Aging additional aides and focus on fraud targeting the elderly.

**Next meeting: June 14, 2022. 1:00 PM**  
**Home of Joyce LaPenn, 25 Schmeichel, Hillsdale**