

Bowdon Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes of June 6, 2021 meeting

Attending: Hal Lovvorn, Jan Gibbs, Bill Fordham and Mary Mallory.

The Bowdon Historic Preservation Commission in regular meeting June 6, 2021, at City Hall heard an online presentation on Historic Preservation Commission Basics presented by Paige Jennings of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, State Historic Preservation Office which provides historic preservation education.

The purpose of the state Historic Preservation Office is to promote the preservation and use of historic places for a better Georgia.

The program talked about historic preservation ordinances for establishing a historic preservation commission, for defining its powers and duties, to define the process for historic designation and to define the process for Certificates of Appropriateness (for approving changes to a historic structure).

Local historic preservation commissions are encouraged to be preservation experts for the community, to maintain a survey and inventory of historic sites and places and to establish a local historic district through public hearings.

The commission members also heard about Certified Local Government program grants, and Jan G. said the next step would be to get a grant to fund a historic survey of Bowdon.