

**Planning Board Minutes**  
**August 11, 2015**

The Duplin County Planning Board met on August 11, 2015. This was the first meeting since the March 10, 2015 meeting. Members present included: Charles Edwards, Bobbie Jean Rivenbark, J. B. Merritt and Deborah Kornegay.

Mike advised that a new Planner has been hired. Her name is Elizabeth Stalls. She will be starting work the end of August.

The Board reviewed a request for site plan approval for a Harvest Solar project on Bubbles Lanier Ln. The project is situated on a narrow tract and the developer has requested a variance to the 300' setback distance from existing residences. The reason for the requested variance is because the land owner, Mr. Eugene Lanier, also owns all the residences within 300' of the proposed improvements. Motion was made by Charles Edwards, seconded by Bobbie Jean Rivenbark to grant the variance due to the fact that this was a unique situation due to the shape of the parcel and the fact that Mr. Lanier owns the adjacent houses that will be within 300' of the development. Motion was approved unanimously.

Mike advised that former Board member Marshal Britt has asked not to be reappointed. Motion was made by Deborah Kornegay, seconded by Bobbie Jean Rivenbark to appoint Charles Edwards as Chairman. Charles agreed to accept. Motion was approved unanimously.

There being no other business requiring the board's action, a motion was made by Charles Edwards, seconded by Mrs. Rivenbark to adjourn.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is September 8, 2015.

Submitted,



Mike Aldridge  
County Manager