

Berlin Vermont Cemetery Commission
Annual Report 2011

The Berlin Cemetery Commission made great improvements this past year (2011) to its cemeteries. Improvements included a total of fourteen monument repairs.

At Johnston Sawyer Cemetery, the legible names from monuments were indexed and added to the survey map. Photographs of each stone, corresponding to the survey map number, were taken for records.

At East Road Cemetery a granite post that had broken off was repaired.

At Black Cemetery seven monuments were repaired.

At Dewey Wright Cemetery four monuments were repaired.

At West Berlin (Riverton) Cemetery three monuments were repaired.

The Cox Brook Cemetery was surveyed, completing the survey work for each historical cemetery.

Our mowing and trimming contractor Norm Desrochers spent additional time in many of the cemeteries straightening items, cleaning up fallen limbs, clearing perimeter brush, and repairing chains. The cemetery commission would like to thank Norm for his diligent work and the care he has provided to our historical cemeteries.

As the maintenance contract was coming to a close in term, a request for proposal and subsequent contract award for a three year term for grounds care was completed.

Additional repair needs have been noted for several of the historical cemeteries. The repair list will be prioritized by the commission over the winter and spring to allow for repairs and improvements to occur next summer.

Our continued thanks and appreciation to the Selectboard and the Town of Berlin Taxpayers for a budget which allows these Historical Cemeteries to receive the care, maintenance, and improvements they deserve.

Cemetery Commission: Chairman Randy Herring, Vice-chairman Norbert Rhinerson, Secretary Rebecca Kibby, Member Greg DuBois