

## **BERLIN CEMETERY COMMISSION 2009 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Berlin Cemetery Commission made great improvements this past year (2009) to its Cemeteries.

The Riverton Cemetery was surveyed with the location of all headstones and corner markers with the help of Greg DuBois and Randy Herring.

New signs were placed at Black, Dewey-Wright, West Berlin, Johnston-Sawyer, East Road and Colby Cemeteries since the old signs were getting old and falling apart. They were made at Worksafe right here in Berlin on Industrial Avenue.

This past summer the Johnston-Sawyer Cemetery had fence installed on the remaining three sides. The cemetery has seen a great improvement and will be surveyed in 2010.

A letter of appreciation and thanks was sent to Liz and Gary Richardson for maintaining the Howard Cemetery for us for 25 years.

Three headstones at the Dewey-Wright Cemetery will be repaired by John E. Clegg, Jr. of E.H. Clegg & Co., Inc this coming spring. They are the Zenas Dewey, Royal Mansfield and Phebe Brown headstones.

Several headstones at East Road Cemetery will be replaced this coming spring as was done last year. A large dead pine tree will be taken down at the Riverton Cemetery this spring also.

Our mowing and trimming contractor, Norm Desrochers has spent additional time straightening granite posts, clearing fallen limbs and trees, clearing brush along the perimeter of some Cemeteries and repairing the chain at Riverton Cemetery.

Special thanks 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.

The current members of the Commission are Norbert Rhinerson, Chairman, Greg DuBois, Secretary and members, Randy Herring and Rebecca Kibby.