

## **BERLIN REGIONAL AIRPORT**

During the fall of 2011 and spring of 2011 we were able to complete the Capital Improvement Project we started last year which included the purchase of a snow blower attachment for the Volvo loader, the purchase of a Freightliner plow truck the paving and drainage work around the new Snow Removal Building was finished.

The new snow blower for the Volvo replaces the 1982 Osh Kosh which will be offered for sale later this year. The Freightliner replaces the 1999 truck that was sold to the Berlin School Department.

Future projects include the rehabilitation of the segmented circle area and rotating beacon light. We also will seek grant monies for ramp expansion and pavement overlay for Hanger Alley. The ramp expansion will tie in the existing hangars with the new SRE building and additional area for the construction of new hangars, located on the east side of Hanger Alley.

The new equipment was well tested during the winter of 2010-11. Considerable time and effort was needed to keep the runways and airport open. Cate Street Capital (Burgess Biomass) flew into the Berlin Regional Airport many times during the winter months. It was critical to the business at hand that they were able to fly into Berlin as needed. As this business process moves forward it is a clear reminder of the important part the airport plays in not only the economic development in the City of Berlin but the North Country as a whole.

We are still plagued by sluggish fuel sales which make it very difficult to balance our books for year end. I did see an increase in sales for the last quarter of our facial year. This put us about 1500 gallons higher than last year which gives me guarded optimism for the 2011-12 season.

The Berlin Regional Airport continues to serve the Citizens of Berlin, New Hampshire's North Country and the larger aviation community. Many thanks to the Berlin Airport Authority, airport staff and everyone involved with the airport for your continued support.

Respectfully Submitted, Eric Kaminsky Airport Manager



Congressman Charlie Bass and Eric Kaminsky review plans