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# Architect may solve sinking problem

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**WOODBURY** — To fight that sinking feeling, public building commissioners recommended Thursday that the town hire an architect to design a solid foundation for the new public works storage building.

The Public Building Commission has asked selectmen to hire architect Milton Grew of Woodbury to design a slab that would stand up in the unstable ground at the highway garage. The garage will be built on the old town dump off White Deer Rocks Road, above at least 14 feet of buried garbage.

For \$2,100 Grew said he would analyze the

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borings and engineering reports, design a foundation and estimate how much it would cost to prepare the site and construct the slab.

"Basically, what I wanted to know was what it was going to cost us to put a foundation to support a building there," Chairman Bill Barthelmess said. "It's a fairly simple situation. We're not talking about the World Trade Center here. We're talking about something that can hold up a steel building that we can park trucks on."

But the solution of where to put the 6,700

square-foot building and how to support it has not been simple. The board has debated since the spring whether to build the structure over the trash or at another location near the yard.

Barthelmess said the town needs to know how much the foundation will cost because it budgeted only \$250,000 for the entire building.

Commissioner Ted Burghart said he's confident Grew will design a support system that won't slump in the ground. The preliminary plan is to sink beams into the rock and

ment foundation on top.

"My guess is with the amount of money he's asking for, which appears to be quite low, it appears to be the solution to drive the pilings into the ground so we can get a foundation to stand on them," he said. "I think the dollars he's got is adequate to put the foundation on the pilings."

The new building would replace a three-sided pole barn that has a dirt floor and a wooden roof that leaks and sags. It would have seven bays to store dump trucks from the highway department's fleet.

Public Works Director David Morckton has said the new garage should have a concrete