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Beacon Hill Club was originally a private home built in 1910-1911 by Carroll Phillips Bassett and Margaret Kinney Bassett. Following the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Bassett in 1952 and 1954, a group of Summit residents united to purchase 250 Hobart Road to create a private family-oriented club. After numerous city council and zoning board meetings, approval was finally given for the property to be used as a private club.

Plans included a swimming pool, four tennis courts, an ice hockey rink and an upgrade of the existing bowling alley. Future plans called for the possibility of squash and paddle tennis courts. The main residence was to be renovated to include a tap room, dining room, card room and billiards room.

In the first year charter membership totaled 50 families. Today, membership includes over 400 families. The club's amenities include expanded and upgraded tennis, paddle, hockey, ice skating, swimming and dining facilities.

At the time of its opening, Beacon Hill Club was characterized by total family participation. Members worked hand in hand with professional contractors to convert and furnish the original clubhouse.

This spirit of member participation endures today. Members help develop and plan social functions, coach and manage hockey teams, write ribbons at swim meets and announce at figure skating recitals. Beacon Hill Club prides itself on a family atmosphere and the willingness of members to contribute their time and ideas to help make Beacon Hill Club one of the most desirable and prestigious family sports club in the state.