

Paul C. Smith was elected the 56th Clerk of the New Hampshire House of Representatives on December 3, 2014.

A New Hampshire native, Smith grew up in Auburn; he is a graduate of Manchester Memorial High School, and attended Norwich University in Northfield, VT, graduating Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 2003.

Paul was elected to the New Hampshire House in November 2002, representing the towns of Auburn and Londonderry, and was subsequently re-elected in November 2004. He resigned after the 2005 session concluded due to moving out of his district to work for the Boy Scouts of America. He later returned to the House and worked as a Legislative Aide from 2005-2010. He became the Assistant Clerk of the House in January 2011 and served in that position until he was elected Clerk. As Clerk, he is a statutory member of the Committee on New Legislator Orientation. Paul served as a member of the State House Bicentennial Commission from 2014-2019.

Paul served as President of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries from 2019-2021. He previously served as Editor of the Society's Professional Journal, and has contributed two articles to the annual publication. Paul hosted the 2019 Joint Canadian American Clerks meeting in Concord.

Paul grew up in Scouting and attained the rank of Eagle Scout in 1998. He has remained active as an adult volunteer and was honored in January 2017 with the National Eagle Scout Association's Outstanding Eagle Scout Award for continued service to Scouting and the community.

Paul became a New Hampshire Freemason in 2004 and has helped form two new lodges, served as Master of four different lodges, has served as a grand lodge officer for several years, and has served as head of all three York Rite Grand Bodies in New Hampshire.

A member of the New Hampshire Football Officials Association since 2006, Paul has officiated high school football games all over New Hampshire, served as the organization's Secretary from December 2010-December 2014, and is currently serving as Chairman of the NHFOA Council.

Paul was selected as a member of the 2017 class of the NH Union Leader's 40 Under Forty.

Paul was honored by the New Hampshire State Grange with their 2017 Public Service Award. Subsequently, Paul was honored with the 2017 Public Service Award by the National Grange as well.

Paul currently resides in Hopkinton with his wife Jennifer, their son Henry, and daughter Maggie.