

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

Current Report

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: December 14, 2018

Granite Point Mortgage Trust Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-38124
(Commission
File Number)

61-1843143
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

590 Madison Avenue, 38th Floor
New York, NY 10022
(Address of principal executive offices)
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(212) 364-3200**

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging Growth Company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On December 14, 2018, Brian C. Taylor notified the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Granite Point Mortgage Trust Inc. (the "Company") of his resignation from his position as Chairman and a member of the Board, effective as of December 14, 2018. Mr. Taylor informed the Board that he is resigning in order to more fully focus on the business and operations of Pine River Capital Management L.P., for which he serves as Chief Executive Officer, and that his resignation is not the result of any disagreement with the Company on any matter relating to the Company's operations, policies or practices. As a result of Mr. Taylor's resignation, the size of the Board has been reduced from 9 to 8 members.

In connection with Mr. Taylor's resignation, the Board approved the appointment of Stephen G. Kasnet, Lead Independent Director of the Board, to serve as Chairman.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

GRANITE POINT MORTGAGE TRUST INC.

By: /s/ REBECCA B. SANDBERG
Rebecca B. Sandberg
General Counsel and Secretary

Date: December 14, 2018