

**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 (Date of Earliest Event Reported): September 26, 2019 (September 23, 2019)

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.)

3 Bryant Park, Suite 2400A
New York, NY 10036
(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))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<u>Title of each class:</u>	<u>Trading Symbol(s)</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered:</u>
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	GPMT	NYSE

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 September 26, 2019, Granite Point Mortgage Trust Inc. ("Granite Point" or the "Company") issued a press release announcing the appointment of Michael J. Karber as General Counsel, effective January 1, 2020. Granite Point also announced Rebecca B. Sandberg's intention to resign from her position as General Counsel of the Company. Ms. Sandberg notified the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Granite Point of her resignation from General Counsel, effective January 1, 2020. Ms. Sandberg resignation is not the result of any disagreement with respect to any matter relating to the operations, policies or practices of the Company.

Mr. Karber has been with Granite Point since its inception and has served as Deputy General Counsel and Assistant Secretary of the Company since 2018. Prior to joining Granite Point, he was Lead Counsel - Business Operations at Two Harbors Investment Corp. beginning in 2014, where he supported Two Harbors' commercial real estate business before it was contributed to Granite Point in connection with Granite Point's initial public offering. Before Two Harbors, he was a Portfolio Manager at Presidium Asset Solutions from 2010 to 2014 and from 2007 to 2009 he was an Associate at Pircher, Nichols & Meeks LLP. Prior to that, Mr. Karber was an Associate at Dykema Gossett PLLC. Mr. Karber received a B.A. in Political Science and Psychology from the University of Michigan in 2002 and a J.D. from Northwestern University, Pritzker School of Law in 2005.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

The Company issued a press release on September 26, 2019, regarding Ms. Sanbergs's resignation as General Counsel and the appointment of Mr. Karber as General Counsel. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release of Granite Point Mortgage Trust Inc., dated September 26, 2019.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File, formatted in Inline XBRL.

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: September 26, 2019



Granite Point Mortgage Trust Inc. Announces General Counsel Transition

NEW YORK, September 26, 2019 – [Granite Point Mortgage Trust Inc.](#) (NYSE: GPMT) announced today the appointment of Michael J. Karber as General Counsel, effective January 1, 2020. Rebecca B. Sandberg, who has served as General Counsel of Granite Point since its inception, will remain in her role as Secretary of Granite Point.

Jack Taylor, Granite Point’s President and Chief Executive Officer, commented, “We are pleased to announce the appointment of Michael Karber as General Counsel. He has done an exceptional job as Deputy General Counsel and Assistant Secretary. His experience, judgment and leadership will ensure a smooth transition into his new role as General Counsel. I also want to thank Rebecca for her important contributions to Granite Point since inception and for continuing to serve in the Secretary role going forward.”

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About Granite Point Mortgage Trust Inc.

Granite Point Mortgage Trust Inc. is a Maryland corporation focused on directly originating, investing in and managing senior floating rate commercial mortgage loans and other debt and debt-like commercial real estate investments. Granite Point is headquartered in New York, NY, and is externally managed by Pine River Capital Management L.P. Additional information is available at www.gpmortgagetrust.com.

Additional Information

Stockholders of Granite Point and other interested persons may find additional information regarding the company at the Securities and Exchange Commission’s Internet site at www.sec.gov or by directing requests to: Granite Point Mortgage Trust Inc., 3 Bryant Park, 24th floor, New York, NY 10036, telephone (212) 364-3200

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