

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On August 16, 2012, New York Mortgage Trust, Inc. (the “Company”) entered into an underwriting agreement (the “Underwriting Agreement”) with Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., as representative of the underwriters named therein (the “Underwriters”), relating to the offer and sale of 10,000,000 shares of the Company’s common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (“Common Stock”), at a public offering price of \$6.73 per share. In addition, the Company granted the Underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional 1,500,000 shares of Common Stock on the same terms and conditions. The issuance and sale of the 10,000,000 shares of Common Stock closed on August 21, 2012, and resulted in total net proceeds to the Company of approximately \$64,925,000 after deduction of underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses.

The Underwriting Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and covenants by the Company. The Company also agreed to indemnify the Underwriters against certain specified types of liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, and to contribute to payments the Underwriters may be required to make in respect of these liabilities. In the ordinary course of business, the Underwriters or its affiliates may in the future engage in various financing, commercial banking and investment banking services with, and provide financial advisory services to, the Company and its affiliates for which they may receive customary fees and expenses.

The shares of Common Stock were issued pursuant to the Company’s shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 33-179314), which was declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 11, 2012.

A copy of the Underwriting Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. The foregoing description of the Underwriting Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Underwriting Agreement. In connection with the filing of the Underwriting Agreement, the Company is filing the opinions of its special Maryland counsel, Venable LLP, and tax counsel, Hunton & Williams LLP, as Exhibits 5.1 and 8.1 hereto, respectively.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are being filed herewith:

- 1.1 Underwriting Agreement, dated as of August 16, 2012, between the Company and Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.
- 5.1 Opinion of Venable LLP regarding legality of shares.
- 8.1 Opinion of Hunton & Williams LLP regarding tax matters.
- 23.1 Consent of Venable LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).
- 23.2 Consent of Hunton & Williams LLP (included in Exhibit 8.1).

SIGNATURE

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 thereunto duly authorized.

NEW YORK MORTGAGE TRUST, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: August 21, 2012

By: /s/ Steven R. Mumma
Name: Steven R. Mumma
Title: Chief Executive Officer and
President

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