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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On March 19, 2012, New York Mortgage Trust, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release (the Release ) announcing that its Board of Directors (the Board ) declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.25 per share on shares of its common stock for the quarter ending March 31, 2012. The Company also announced in the Release that the Board set Thursday, May 17, 2012, for the Company's 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the Annual Meeting ). The Board established Friday, March 30, 2012 as the record date for the Annual Meeting. A copy of the Release is filed with this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) *Exhibits.* The following exhibit is being filed herewith this Current Report on Form 8-K.

99.1 Press Release dated March 19, 2012.

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, 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: March 19, 2012

By: /s/ Steven R. Mumma  
Steven R. Mumma  
Chief Executive Officer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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