

CommonWealth REIT  
Form DEFA14A  
February 20, 2014

**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): **February 18, 2014**

**COMMONWEALTH REIT**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Maryland**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**1-9317**  
(Commission File Number)

**04-6558834**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**Two Newton Place, 255 Washington Street,**

**Suite 300, Newton, Massachusetts**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**02458-1634**  
(Zip Code)

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(617) 332-3990

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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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 (see General Instruction A.2 below):

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - ☐ 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))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On February 18, 2014, our Board of Trustees issued a press release confirming the record date of February 18, 2014 for the consent solicitation of Related Fund Management, LLC, Corvex Management LP and others to remove, without cause, all members of our Board. As of the close of business on February 18, 2014, 118,401,257.527 common shares of beneficial interest, par value \$0.01 per share ( Common Shares ), were outstanding and entitled to execute or revoke consents with respect to this consent solicitation. Only holders of record of Common Shares as of the close of business on February 18, 2014 may execute or revoke consents with respect to this consent solicitation.

**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.

By: /s/ John C. Popeo  
Name: John C. Popeo  
Title: Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 20, 2014